

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICERS

of the Town of

DIGHTON
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Year Ending December 31, 1967

GENERAL INFORMATION

OPEN MEETING LAW—CHAP. 626, ACTS, 1958

Meetings of every district, city and town board, commission and school committee shall be open to public and to press (unless in executive session). A notice of such meetings must be filed at least twenty-four hours prior with the clerk of the district or town. (A regular schedule of meetings filed in advance is permissible.) Accurate records of all meetings shall be maintained setting forth action taken. A summary of all matters voted shall be made available with reasonable promptness after each meeting. The records shall become a public record and available to the public upon being approved. (For information on executive sessions and emergencies check law with Town Clerk.)

The town offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., and the office of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector is also open Wednesday evenings from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

The Board of Selectmen, Welfare, and Health, and the Assessors meet in their offices Wednesday evenings at 7:30 P.M.

The School Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the School Committee room.

The Planning Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Office Building.

Telephone Numbers:

Fire Department: To report a fire—

So. Dighton Station669-3131

No. Dighton Station823-3700

Personal calls —

So. Dighton Station669-3291

No. Dighton Station822-0329

Police Department: 824-4411

Selectmen's Office: 669-2731

Welfare Department: 669-2131

Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector and Assessors: 669-5411

Public Library: 669-2511

Town Nurse: 824-4491

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen	Address	Telephone	Term Expires
Francis J. Torres, Chairman	No. Dighton	824-7628	1968
Edward Linhares	No. Dighton	669-5585	1970
Rudolph C. Christenson	Dighton	669-2823	1969
Board of Public Welfare			
Edward Linhares, Chairman	No. Dighton	669-5585	1970
Francis J. Torres	No. Dighton	824-7628	1968
Rudolph C. Christenson	Dighton	669-2823	1969
Board of Health			
Rudolph C. Christenson	Dighton	669-2823	1969
Francis J. Torres	No. Dighton	824-7628	1968
Edward Linhares	No. Dighton	669-5585	1970
Town Clerk			
Frank R. Rogers	Segreganset	669-5538	1968
Town Collector			
Frank R. Rogers	Segreganset	669-5538	1968
Town Treasurer			
Frank R. Rogers	Segreganset	669-5538	1968
Moderator			
Ralph Deane	No. Dighton	823-1234	1968
Assessors			
Harold Mendoza, Chairman	No. Dighton	824-6177	1970
Howell S. Carr	Dighton	669-5943	1969
Leo T. Pivirotto	No. Dighton	824-4998	1968

Tree Warden

Alfred M. Perry	Dighton	669-5461	1968
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School Committee

Richard Simmons, Chairman	No. Dighton	822-6791	1970
Muriel Carey, Sec.	No. Dighton	822-1250	1969
Spencer D. Oehrle, Fin. Sec.	Segreganset	669-5990	1970
Melvin Angus	No. Dighton	252-6670	1968
Charles E. McKenna	Dighton	669-5738	1969
Antone Compos	Dighton	669-5525	1968
Lawrence Dutra	Dighton	669-5572	1968

Planning Board

C. Douglass Garnett, Chairman	No. Dighton	669-5773	1972
Milton Horton, V. Chairman	No. Dighton	824-6260	1971
Richard E. Babbitt, Clerk	No. Dighton	669-5673	1969
Richard Engler	No. Dighton	822-9064	1970
George A. Perry	No. Dighton	669-5600	1968

Trustees of Public Library

Lois L. Staples	Segreganset	669-2561	1970
Joseph C. Hathaway	Dighton	669-5955	1968
Robert M. McGuirk	No. Dighton	822-6294	1969

Playground Commissioners

Manuel L. Sanson, Chairman	Dighton	669-5981	1968
Humbert Costa	No. Dighton	822-7264	1970
Sylvester Vilela	Dighton	669-2661	1969

Dighton-Rehoboth Regonal School District

Fred W. Woodcock	No. Dighton	822-0114	1968
Paul R. Martin	No. Dighton	823-1203	1970

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Finance Committee

Richard Parchesco, Chairman
 George Miguel, Vice Chairman
 George P. Silvia, Secretary
 Russell C. Varley
 Thomas Sherman
 Arthur C. Staples
 Edward Roy

Board of Registrars

Frank R. Rogers, Clerk	Segreganset	669-5538	
Elliott Hathaway	No. Dighton	669-5642	1970
Gene Perry, Jr.	Dighton	669-5652	1968
Anna C. Simmons	No. Dighton	824-6465	1969

Board of Appeals

Malcolm Hill, Chairman	No. Dighton	822-7038	1970
Frohman Anderson, Clerk	Dighton	669-5444	1969
William Duarte	No. Dighton	669-5917	1968
Associate Members			
Francis O'Connor	No. Dighton	823-3988	1968
Joseph Lawrence	Dighton	669-3031	1969
William Maguire, Sr.	No. Dighton	669-5919	1970

Industrial Commission

Russell L. McDermott, Chairman	No. Dighton	1970
Frank R. Rogers	Segreganset	1969
Louis Mendoza	Dighton	1968
Jean Pelletier	Segreganset	1972
Edward Olney	No. Dighton	1971
Joseph A. Coelho	No. Dighton	1970

Heritage Committee

Helen H. Lane, Town Historian, Chairman
 Helen Brown, Secretary
 Elaine Varley
 Charles Harris
 Martha Campbell

Cemetery Commission

Earl Hathaway	No. Dighton
Roy Horton	Dighton
Elaine Varley, Clerk	Segreganset

School Needs Study Committee

J. Gerald Fleming, Chairman
William Marsden
Mrs. Warren Perry
Mrs. Francis McClellan
Joaquin Schult
John Otis
Doris Hopkins

Vocational Regional School District Planning Committee

Charles Day
John Berger
Richard Simmons

**Committee to Study & Investigate Feasibility of the Town
Accepting the Liabilities & Functions of the Various Dis-
tricts within the Town**

Town Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Plan-
ning Board and all elected District Officers.

School Planning & Building Committee

Richard E. Schultz
Joseph Lawrence
Joseph A. Rivard
J. Gerald Fleming
Mrs. Randall W. Hopkins
Mrs. R. Warren Perry

**Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational School District
Committee**

Paul R. Martin

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS FOR 1967 - 1968

Fence Viewers: Howell S. Carr, Leo T. Pivirotto, Harold Mendoza.

Civil Defense Director: Henry Descoteaux.

Agents of the Board of Health: Frank R. Rogers, Charles H. Mason, Leo A. Duffy.

Burial Agent: Earl C. Hathaway.

Inspector of Animals: John A. Berger.

Inspector of Slaughtering: John A. Berger.

Town Nurse: Carolyn Booth.

Registrar of Voters: Elliott Hathaway, Anna C. Simmons.

Auctioneer: Frank R. Rogers.

Constable—Somerset Water Dept.: John Charles Nordeste, III.

Town Office Clerks: Elizabeth Rose, Leah Crosby.

Town Accountant: Shirley Perry.

Veterans' Agent: Ralph Deane, Jr.

Harbor Master: Arnold B. Shaw.

Assistant Harbor Master: Martin Bergstrom.

Superintendent of Street: Alfred M. Perry.

Local Supt. of Insect Pest Control: George W. Rose.

Dighton-Berkley Bridge Tender: Edward McCrohan.

Town Forest Committee: Henry Burt, Harold O. Woodward, Wilfred A. Hathaway, William Andrews, William Harrison, Charles Leonard, Randall Hopkins.

Dog Officer: Charles H. Mason.

Gas Appliance Inspector: Leo A. Duffy.

Sanitation Inspector: Leo A. Duffy.

Constables: Frank R. Rogers, Charles H. Mason.

Conservation Commission: Herbert I. Carr, Henry Burt, William Sandager, Randall Hopkns, Gene Perry.

Board of Appeals: (3 yr. term) : Malcolm Hill.

Associate Member (3 yr. term): William Maguire, Sr.

Industrial Commission: Frank R. Rogers, Jean Pelletier, Edward Olney, Joseph Coelho.

Electrical Inspector: Robert David Bleau.

Cemetery Commission: Roy Horton, Earl Hathaway, Elaine Varley.

School Needs Committee: John Otis, Doris Hopkins.

Chief of Fire Department: Harry F. Willis.

Deputy Chiefs: Benjamin Sherman, Joseph White.

Firemen: William Ashcroft, Herbert Atwood, Manuel Botelho, Jon Bettencourt, Alan Brightman, Everett Carr, Sr., Everett Carr, Jr., Frank Cash, Joseph Coelho, Timothy Costa, Cassius Cummings, Kenneth Cummings, Michael Cusick, David Dupont, Edward Ferreira, Joseph Fleck, Gerald Fleming, Willam Fleming, Sr., William Fleming, Jr., Ronald Furtado, Charles Gilbert, Sr., Harold Gracia, Walter Hamilton, Maynard Horton, Sr., Maynard Horton, Jr., William D. Jack, Antone Katon, John Katon, George Lavigne, Arthur Martin, Charles Mason, Jr., Lester McNulty, William O'Connell, Richard Parchesco, Manuel Pavao, Roger Perry, Warren Perry, Walter Plonka, Albert Reed, Richard Rivet, Frank Rogers, St., Francis Rose, Clinton Rose, Charles Sears, Jr., Robert Sherman, Thomas Sherman, Alvin Sylvia, Edward Silvia, George Simmons, Percy Simmons, Karl Spratt, Jr., Arnold Staples, Ellis Strange, Richard Sylvia, Joseph Waller, Jr., Isaac Wilson, Gilbert Arnold Rose, Jr., Ralph Woodward.

Chief of Police: Charles H. Mason.

Lieutenant of Police: Anthony Andrews.

Sergeant of Police: Walter Plonka.

Reserve Police Officers: William Ashcroft, William Raposa, Frank N. Alves, Charles Mason, Jr., Richard Babbitt, Antone Katon, Joseph Perry, John Perry, Manuel Botelho, John Cambra, Anthony Andrews, Manuel Sanson, John Rasmussen.

Patrolmen: Walter Plonka, Karl Spratt, Jr.

Special Police Officers: Richard Babbitt, Charles Brooks, Joseph Coelho, Arthur Compos, Cassius Cummings, William Duarte, Edward Ferreira, Tobias Freitas, Charles Gracia, George Gracia, Wlter Hamilton, Byron Haskins, John Ingham, Antone Katon, George Perry, Joseph Perry, John Rasmussen, George Rubadou, Benjamin Sherman, Manuel Sanson, Francis Rose, Frank Virdinlia, Karl Spratt, Jr., Donald St. Pierre, Frank Alves, Charles H. Mason, Jr., Joseph Cordeiro, Samuel Pine, Harry Willis, Louis White, John Cambra, Edward Keefe.

Special Police Officer—B.C.A.S.: Rene Ouellette.

Special Police Officer—N.D. Coop. Bank: Frederick W. Peacock.

Special Police Officer—Dighton, Ind.: George R. Nickerson, David Perry.

Public Weighers—I.C.I. Organics: Arthur Gove, Dalton Leonard.

Public Weighers—Dighton Ind.: Francis Miguel, Antone Cor-

REPORT OF AN AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF DIGHTON

Mr. Arthur H. MacKinnon
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Boston, Massachusetts

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an examination of the books and accounts of the town of Dighton for the period from March 1, 1964, the date of the previous audit, to March 22, 1967, the following report being submitted thereon:

An examination and verification was made of the recorded financial transactions of the town as shown on the books of the departments receiving or disbursement money for the town or committing bills for collection.

The town accountant's ledgers were analyzed and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were compared with the treasurer's books and with the records of departmental payments to the treasurer, while the payments were checked with the treasury warrants and with the treasurer's records of disbursements. The appropriation accounts were checked with the town clerk's records of town meetings, and the recorded transfers from the reserve fund were verified by comparison with the records of the finance committee. The necessary adjusting entries resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on March 22, 1967.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were compared with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked

with the warrants of the selectmen authorizing the disbursement of town funds. The cash balance on March 22, 1967 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements received from the depositories.

The records of payroll deductions were examined and checked. The amounts withheld were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, and the payments to the proper agencies were verified.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved and the transfers to the town were verified.

The recorded payments on account of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records and with the accountant's books, the reported redemptions and sales were checked with the treasurer's cash book, the foreclosures were verified, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed, proved, and checked with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The town taxes, excise, and district taxes outstanding at the time of the previous audit, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants issued for their collection. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the town and district treasurers, the abatements as entered were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the amounts reported transferred to the tax title account were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger controls.

The records of departmental accounts receivable were audited. The recorded receipts were checked with the treasurer's books, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger.

In order to verify the outstanding accounts, verification notices were mailed to a number of persons whose names appeared on the records as owing money to the town and districts, and from the report received thereto it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of departmental collections by the selectmen, the town clerk, and the sealer of weights and measures, as well as by the police, school, and library departments, were examined and checked, and the payments to the State and to the town treasurer were verified.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the available records of all departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and checked.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title, tax possession, and departmental accounts, together with schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust fund.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,
Assistant Chief of Bureau

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Dighton:

The organizational meeting of the Board was held and once again the chairmanships were divided with Mr. Torres chosen as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Mr. Linhares, Board of Welfare; and Mr. Christenson, Board of Health. Mrs. Leah Crosby was appointed as Clerk to each Board.

Fifty-one weekly and twenty-seven special meetings were held with seven absentees on sick leave or vacation. Several joint meetings were held with other Town Boards and Committees to discuss and resolve matters of mutual interest.

Necessary hearings were held upon applications received for the various licenses as required. All transactions have been properly recorded and the many statutory requirements completed to the best of our knowledge and ability.

All Board members have participated in and attended all County Association meetings. Some members attended various governmental conferences on the Regional and State level where and when convenient, in an effort to obtain benefit of experience to better serve the Town. Hearings were attended on the several Chapter 90 and Public Works project in behalf of the Town's interest.

All appointments of Town Officials and Committees have been recorded with the Town Clerk together with the list of jurors and are contained in the Clerks annual report. Annual Reports of the numerous Town Officers and Departments as required by law are contained in the 1967 Town Officers Report.

All special committee activity and reports are included in the record of the Town Clerk. All votes and orders of the Town Meeting have been accomplished.

The layouts of Chestnut Street and for the second phase of William Street were both accepted at the Annual Town Meeting in March. Work was started on Chestnut Street late in the year and will continue through 1968. The money necessary to finance the William Street project will be achieved with the 1968 appropriation and it is the hope of the Board that the State will put this project out on bids for completion in 1968.

Two permanent patrolmen were added to the Police Department this year to form the nucleus of a full time Police Department. The men were selected from the results of a competitive examination and assumed their duties on July first. We hope to continue to build up this Department to meet the needs for law enforcement and protection as required by the Town.

Water pollution and the elimination of its sources has once again become a factor of great concern to federal, state, and local officials. The State, under the Clean Water Act Bill, has served the Town with a time table in which it expects to see a sewer treatment plant in operation and other necessary measures taken to completely eliminate the pollution of the streams and rivers in this immediate area. The magnitude of this problem is tremendous and will require the cooperation and sincere efforts of all concerned to meet this time schedule.

Solid Waste Disposal, another gigantic problem, is being studied on a regional level by the Towns of Berkley, Somerset, Rehoboth, Dighton and the City of Taunton. Several meetings were held in Dighton which resulted in a complete investigation of State and Federal programs and the possibility of a regional incinerator as the most economical and efficient solution to the problem. Additional meetings will be held in the future while closely watching the outcome of both State and Federal legislation on this subject.

The Board of Selectmen sincerely believes that within the next few years, due to a more rapid growth in population,

solutions will have to be found for such problems as water and air pollution, solid waste disposal, school needs, town office building, building code, zoning by-laws, continued improvement of Fire, Police, and Highway Departments, improvement of streets and drainage, recreational areas and many others. To resolve these problems will require the understanding and cooperation of each and every citizen.

We express our appreciation and gratitude to the Citizens, Town Officials and Employees for their cooperation in the performance of duty—especially to all Town employees, we recognize your everlasting loyalty and many services to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS J. TORRES, Chairman

EDWARD LINHARES

RUDOLPH CHRISTENSON

Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Following the 1967 Annual Town Meeting, the Town Moderator appointed the following men to serve on the Finance Committee: George Miguel, Arthur Staples, Russell C. Varley, Thomas C. Sherman, George P. Silvia, Edward W. Roy and Richard Parchesco.

The Finance Committee was organized by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and each member was sworn in by the Town Clerk. After being organized, the members nominated and voted to have the following serve for one year: Richard Parchesco as Chairman, George Miguel as Vice Chairman and George P. Silvia as Secretary.

The Finance Committee held many meetings and voted on each appropriation and transfer of monies. The Committee also, met with the Heads of all Town Departments to review and discuss the Budgets submitted by them for 1968.

The Finance Committee wishes to thank the Town Officials and Department Heads for their cooperation.

As in the past, the Townspeople are always welcome to attend meetings of the Finance Committee in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. PARCHESCO, Chairman
GEORGE MIGUEL, Vice Chairman
GEORGE P. SILVIA, Secretary
ARTHUR C. STAPLES
RUSSELL C. VARLEY
THOMAS C. SHERMAN
EDWARD W. ROY

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

A Special Town Meeting was held on January 18, 1967 at Town Hall. Meeting was called to order by Ralph Deane, Moderator, at 8:35 P.M.

(1) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town vote to layout, accept and establish the completed sections of Susan Road, Cheryl Road and Rebecca Road as public highways and named Susan Road, Cheryl Road and Rebecca Road, a description of which is contained in a layout dated July 31, 1964 on a plan and profile by E. Otis Dyer, Surveyor, together with a Quitclaim Deed as filed with the Town Clerk.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

The regular Annual Town Meeting for the election of officers for the Town of Dighton was held on March 6, 1967 at Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 10 A.M. by Percy B. Simmons, Town Clerk. The balloting was under the supervision of the following election officers, duly sworn in by Percy B. Simmons, Town Clerk: Irene Goulart, Warden, Hazel Reed, Catherine Sherman, Selma Wall, Ruth Leeming, Edna Seekell, Helen Atwood, George West, Bernice Darling, Adele Rose, and George Rose.

The polls were closed at 8 P.M. The total number of votes cast was 1135; the ballots having been assorted and counted, the result was declared as follows:

Selectman for Three Years—Edward Linhares.

Board of Public Welfare for Three Years—Edward Linhares.

Moderator for One Year—Ralph M. Deane, Jr.

Town Treasurer for One Year—Frank R. Rogers.

Town Clerk for One Year—Unexpired Term—Frank R. Rogers.

Town Collector for One Year—Unexpired Term—Frank R. Rogers.

Assessor for Three Years—Harold M. Mendoza.

Tree Warden for One Year—Alfred M. Perry.

School Committee for Three Years—Richard F. Simmons,
Spencer D. Oehrle.

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional District School Committee for
Three Years—Paul R. Martin.

Trustee of Public Library for Three Years—Lois L. Staples.

Planning Board for Five Years—C. Douglass Garnett.

Playground Commission for Three Years—Humbert R.
Costa.

Playground Commission for Two Years—Sylvester Vilela.

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Ralph M. Deane, Moderator. Checkers were Anna C. Simmons, Hazel Reed and Irene Goulart.

VOTED: On Motion of Francis Torres to recess briefly until all had entered the hall.

Francis Torres read the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS, Mr. Percy B. Simmons has honorably served the Town of Dighton for a period of twenty-six years, and

WHEREAS, He has served as Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Town Collector, Clerk of the Registrars of Voters, Agent of the Board of Health, Constable, Civil Defense Director, and on various Committees organized for the good of the Town, and

WHEREAS, He has always served the Town honestly, faithfully, intelligently, and

WHEREAS, He has decided to retire from Public Office, be it

RESOLVED, that the Citizens of the Town express their appreciation and gratitude for his good and faithful service, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in extending their thanks, they wish for Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, many years of health and happiness, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution be spread upon the Record of the Town and a copy thereof presented to Mr. Simmons.

Adopted by the Townspeople of Dighton at the Annual Town Meeting held Monday, March 13, 1967.

FRANCIS J. TORRES
EDWARD LINHARES
RUDOLPH C. CHRISTENSON
Board of Selectmen"

Mr. Simmons was then called forward to accept a Placque in recognition of his twenty-six years of dedicated service to the Town of Dighton.

Mr. Simmons expressed his thanks to all his co-workers and townspeople for the cooperation they gave to him.

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres to dispense with the reading of the Articles and references to them be made by number and content.

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres to consider adjournment at 11:30 P.M.

(2) VOTED: On motion of George Silvia that the reports of the Town Officers as printed and published in the 1966 Annual Report be accepted.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Richard Parchesco that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officers and Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

(4) VOTED: On motion of Richard Parchesco that the Town Treasurer be bonded in the amount of \$45,500.00 and the Town Collector be bonded in the amount of \$52,900.00 and the Town Clerk be bonded in the amount of \$1,500.00 to satisfy the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 41 and Section 60 of the General Laws.

(5) VOTED: On motion of Robert Roy that the Town raise and appropriate \$46,360.78 for the purpose of defraying costs of the Town's share of the capital expenses due in 1967 of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(6) VOTED: On motion of Robert Roy that the Town raise and appropriate \$192,396.14 for the purpose of defraying costs of the Town's share of the operating expenses in 1967 of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(7) VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate; and raise and appropriate and transfer under the Public Library Account, the following sums necessary to defray Town Charges and Assessments as approved by the Finance Committee.

Account	Amount	Maker of Motion
1. Elem'tary School Bonds	\$20,000.00	Richard Simmons
2. Int. on Elem. School Bonds	2,200.00	Richard Simmons
3. Int. on Revenue Loans	800.00	Percy Simmons
4. School Department	317,130.00	Richard Simmons
5. Public Library Raise & Approp.	3,865.75	
Transfer from State Aid	942.25	
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Total Appropriated	4,808.00	Joseph Hathaway
6. Board of Health	5,035.00	Rudolph Christenson
7. Ambulance Maintenance	900.00	Rudolph Christenson
8. Care of Town Dumps	2,584.00	Rudolph Christenson
9. Fire Department	14,202.31	Harry Willis
10. Police Department	17,670.00	Charles Mason
11. Civilian Defense	1,245.00	Percy Simmons
12. Hydrant Rentals	1,740.00	Harry Willis
13. Town Insurance	11,734.02	Francis Torres
14. Contributory Group Ins.	5,200.00	Francis Torres
15.-19. Public Assistance	52,000.00	Edward Linhares
20. Public Assistance Admin.	5,000.00	Edward Linhares
21. Brush Control	600.00	Rudolph Christenson
22. Cemeteries (Public Prop.)	450.00	Rudolph Christenson
23. Chap. 81 Highway Fund	7,650.00	Rudolph Christenson

24. Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,700.00	Francis Torres
25. Care of Town Elms	2,000.00	Francis Torres
26. Insect Pest Control	542.01	Francis Torres
27. Shade Tree Account	500.00	Edward Linhares
28. Sidewalk Maintenance	1,000.00	Edward Linhares
29. Street Department	38,500.00	Edward Linhares
30. Dighton-Berkley Bridge	1,000.00	Edward Linhares
31. Assessor's Department	5,000.00	Harold Mendoza
32. Election & Registration	1,975.00	Percy Simmons
33. Finance Committee	15.00	Richard Parchesco
34. Selectmen's Department	4,150.00	Francis Torres
35. Tax Tital Account	900.00	Percy Simmons
36. Tax Possession Account	100.00	Percy Simmons
37. Town Accountant	4,410.00	Rudolph Christenson
38. Town Clerk	2,365.00	Percy Simmons
39. Town Collector	3,650.00	Percy Simmons
40. Town Conservation Comm.	200.00	Francis Torres
41. Town Office Account	11,166.00	Edward Linhares
42. Town Treasurer	2,760.00	Percy Simmons
43. Town Planning Board	883.04	Richard Babbitt
44. Civic Center Maintenance	550.00	Francis Torres
45. County Retirement Fund	9,187.50	Francis Torres
46. Dog Officer's Account	700.00	Francis Torres
47. Memorial Day Observance	200.00	Rudolph Christenson
48. Playground & Recreation	2,650.00	Rudolph Christenson
49. Veterans Benefits	12,000.00	Edward Linhares
50. Industrial Commission	100.00	Edward Linhares
51. Board of Appeals	50.00	

\$579,201.88

(8) VOTED: On motion of Arthur Staples that the salaries of the elected Town Officers as appropriated within Departmental Accounts be established for the year January 1, 1967 to December 31, 1967 as follows:

Board of Assessors:

Chairman	\$900.00
Others	800.00
Clerk	500.00

Board of Health:	
Chairman	400.00
Others	300.00
Board of Public Welfare:	
Chairman	400.00
Others	300.00
Board of Selectmen:	
Chairman	1,600.00
Others	800.00
Moderator	20.00
School Committee Secretary	25.00
Town Clerk	1,400.00
Town Collector	2,400.00
Town Treasurer	1,400.00
Tree Warden	35.00

(9) VOTED: On motion of Harry Willis that the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a 1967 ambulance-type vehicle with accessories and equipment and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to dispose of a 1952 cadillac ambulance as a trade value and to meet said appropriation \$10,000.00 be transferred from receipts of Nike Site Sale. (Sale of Real Estate).

(10) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 for the purpose of completing the purchase of the building now being used as the No. Dighton Fire Station, the adjacent lot and the islands between Chace and Summer Streets from the Dighton Industries Company as voted under Art. 21 of the 1966 Annual Town Meeting and to meet said appropriation \$10,000.00 be transferred from receipts of Nike Site Sale. (Sale of Real Estate).

(11) VOTED: On motion of Richard Parchesco that the Town vote to place the appropriated \$89,400.00 for the construction of a Town Office Building into the Stabilization Fund as created under Art. 20 of the 1966 Annual Town Meeting.

(12) Report of the Comprehensive Plan Study Committee given by Joseph White as follows:

"The Comprehensive Plan Study Committee held three meetings with approximately 15 members present at each meeting. This Committee consists of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, Board of Assessors, Chairman of the School Committee, Mr. Norman LaFrance, and Joseph White as appointed by the Moderator.

Questionnaires were sent to Towns of like size and close proximity to Dighton and favorable reports were received.

The Committee also met with Mr. Charles Downe, Planning Associates from West Newton, Massachusetts. A Comprehensive plan was outlined for the needs of Dighton.

This program will consist of the Regional Influence upon Dighton, Population Trends, Land Use Maps, Typography and Soil Studies and Economics Base Studies. It will prepare objectives for the future of the Town regarding Land Use, Schools, Recreation and Conservation, Traffic and Planning, Public Lands and Buildings, Utilities, Zoning, Review and Revise Subdivision Regulations and Prepare a Capital Budget Program.

The Committee proposes that this program should be adopted by the Town with an appropriation to raise an amount of money for the hiring of a Planning Consultant and the preparing of the application for a Federal "701" Grant.

Respectfully submitted,

C. DOUGLASS GARNETT, Chairman"

VOTED: On motion of Milton Horton that the report of the Comprehensive Plan Committee be accepted, the Committee be discharged with the thanks of the Townspeople for a job well done.

(13) VOTED: On motion of C. Douglass Garnett that the Town appropriate \$6,000.00 for the purpose of hiring a consultant to prepare a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Dighton and to prepare and file an application for a Federal Grant and to meet said appropriation \$6,000.00 be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).

(14) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town adopt the following By-Law relating

to Junk Motor Vehicles as follows: It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any premises to have or permit thereon more than one un-registered motor vehicle unless the same is kept in a fully enclosed structure. This shall not apply to premises where there is a valid license under General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 58, nor to vehicles used on the premises in agriculture or any work where registration is not required. Violation of the foregoing shall be punishable by a fine of not more than twenty \$20.00 dollars. Each day of non-compliance shall constitute a separate offense.

(15) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town vote to adopt Chapter 139, Section 1, 2, 3 of the General Laws as they relate to abandoned and dangerous buildings.

(16) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town vote to appoint an Electrical Inspector, as provided for in Chapter 166, Sec. 32 of the General Laws.

(17) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town raise and appropriate \$300.00 for the purpose of paying wages and expenses of an Electrical Inspector.

(18) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town vote to appoint a Committee to study and investigate the feasibility of a petition to the legislature for measures whereby the Town may consider the acceptance of the liabilities and functions of the various districts within the Town. The Committee to be made up as follows: Town Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Planning Board and all elected District Officers. The Committee to report its findings at the next annual Town Meeting.

(19) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town appropriate and transfer \$1,500.00 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to be placed in the Conservation Fund to construct a boat ramp and to improve the Town's Waterfront Property on Pleasant Street.

(20) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town appropriate and transfer \$4,000.00 from Surplus

Revenue (Free Cash) to institute sanitary land fill at the present dump in the south end of Town and to engage a consultant to aid in locating a new site suitable to the town and the State Dept. of Public Health.

(21) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town accept a proposed layout of Williams Street as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk and to authorize and accept a proposed taking by eminent domain or purchase or as a gift, as provided by the General Laws of Massachusetts, by the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton, for the purpose of constructing, altering, locating, or repairing in said Dighton, known as Williams Street as shown on a plan of the proposed layout of Williams Street entitled "Williams Street Dighton Town Layout, Section No. 2 Scale 1" = 40', Dated January 1966, McNamara and Campbell, Engineers, Taunton, Massachusetts', said plan being on file with the Town Clerk, certain parcels of land in fee with all rights, easements, privileges, and appurtenances thereto, including all shade trees, fruit trees, shrubs and stone walls, or take any other action thereon.

(22) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town accept a proposed layout of Chestnut Street as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk and to authorize and accept a proposed taking by eminent domain, or purchase or as a gift, as provided by the General Laws of Massachusetts, by the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton, for the purpose of constructing, altering, locating or repairing a highway in said Dighton, known as Chestnut Street as shown on a plan of the proposed layout of Chestnut Street, Scale 1' = 40', Dated October 31, 1966 Gilbert Silva and Company, Engineers", said plan being on file with the Town Clerk, certain parcels of land in fee with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances thereto, including all fixtures, buildings, structures, affixed thereto, and all trees, including shade trees, fruit trees, shrubs and stone walls, or take any action thereon.

(23) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town appropriate and transfer \$5,000.00 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to take land by purchase or eminent domain and to settle damages for land taken in conjunction

with the Chestnut Street Project and Williams Street Project (Second Phase).

(24) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Percy Simmons that the Town change the term of Town Treasurer from a one year to a three year term beginning in 1968.

(25) VOTED: On motion of John Ingham that the Town appropriate and transfer \$600.00 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) for the purpose of helping to defray operating expenses of the Raposa-Knott Post 2094 Veterans of Foreign Wars as provided in Section 9, Chapter 40, General Laws.

(26) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town appropriate and authorize the transfer of \$4,442.17 from the proceeds received or to be received from the State under provision of Chapter 679, Acts of 1965 to the Chestnut Street Improvement Project.

(27) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town appropriate and transfer \$6,000.00 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Construction, and that in addition to borrow a sum of money to meet the State and County's Share in the cost of this work in accord with Section 6A, Chapter 44, General Laws.

(28) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain, and to settle damages for land taken in conjunction with the 1967 Highway Program under Chapter 81 and 90 and the Town Road Program.

(29) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town appropriate and transfer \$5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Account for the purpose of maintaining and repairing highway vehicles and equipment for 1967 and to meet said appropriation the following transfers be made:

Transfer from Road Machinery	\$1,742.50
Transfer from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)	3,257.50
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	\$5,000.00

(30) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town authorize the transfer of unappropriated available funds in the treasury in the sum of \$17,425.00 to Highway Revenue in anticipation of reimbursement from the State and County for Chapter 81 and 90 Highway Work.

(31) Motion made by Rudolph Christenson that the Town authorize the transfer to Surplus Revenue of unexpended funds of the following special accounts:

Costs in Conjunction	
1965 Highway Program	18.50
Police Cruiser Account	457.00
Highway Communication System	500.00
Electrical Survey—	
Jr. High School	176.00
Automatic Sander Purchase	163.00
Commemorative Fund	10.79

Charles Harris reported plaque had not been put up yet as there were no funds available.

Motion made by Francis Torres to amend motion and delete the \$10.79 for the Commemorative Fund.

VOTED: Motion made by Rudolph Christenson, amended by Francis Torres, that the Town authorize the transfer to Surplus Revenue of unexpended funds of the following special accounts:

Costs in Conjunction	
1965 Highway Program	18.50
Police Cruiser Account	457.00
Highway Communication System	500.00
Electrical Survey—	
Jr. High School	176.00
Automatic Sander Purchase	163.00
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	1,314.50

(32) Report of the School Needs Committee given by Gerald Fleming as follows:

“The Dighton School Needs Committee, appointed in 1963, met with increased frequency during the past six months.

After a preliminary survey which indicated that all available space in the two town schools would be utilized by the 1967-1968 school year, it was determined that additional space would be needed in the near future.

Last November, the Rehoboth School Needs Committee invited the study groups of Dighton and Berkley to study with them the possibility of regionalizing at the middle school, or junior high school level.

A series of meetings have been held with the other towns, and as a local committee, to determine the most efficient solution to Dighton's school problems.

Many factors must be considered, not the least of which is cost. The amount of state aid to any building project is determined by the state school building assistance commission in relation to the town's assets.

If Dighton were to construct a school alone, the state would share 40% of the cost. If Dighton and Rehoboth were to join together, the state's share would be 54%; and if Dighton, Berkley, and Rehoboth join together, the state would pay 57%.

These figures are merely facts which are a small portion of this committee's study. It must be understood that the committee is studying all proposals—a middle school for Dighton alone as a new building, an addition to a present building, and the regional possibility.

No decision has yet been arrived at, nor will one for the next few months. However, the committee is continuing to study and is holding meetings at a more rapid pace as the time when more classrooms are needed rapidly approaches.

It should be pointed out that the committee has been functioning as a four member board throughout all recent discussions, despite the fact that eight were appointed and all have been notified at each meeting.

It has been recommended to the Board of Selectmen that one new members be appointed and that the committee function as a 5 member Board in the future.

For the Committee,

J. GERALD FLEMING, Chairman"

VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the report of the School Needs Study Committee be accepted as a progress report and the committee be instructed to continue to function as outlined.

(33) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town vote to dedicate the piece of land between Main Street, Pleasant Street and Somerset Avenue, in memory of Corporal John L. Dutra killed in the service of his country in the Korean War, and to name the area, the Corporal John L. Dutra Memorial Square.

(34) Report of the Committee to Study the Need of an Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen given by Richard V. Munsell as follows:

On June 1, 1966 the Committee elected Richard Parchesco, Chairman and Richard Munsell, Secretary.

Mr. Parchesco introduced William Benevides who told the committee his thoughts pertaining to an Assistant;

set up hearings and gather facts to aid decisions of the
Selectmen

act as office manager at Town Hall

trips to apply for Federal and State Aid

and act as liaison between all town officers and the Select-
men

should be hired by contract of three to five year period,
and should have an annual salary of eight to ten
thousand dollars.

Towns were assigned for study as follows: Raynham—Beverly Wilson; Swansea—Richard Parchesco; Somerset—Paul Martin; Seekonk—Joseph Coelho, Rehoboth—Richard Munsell.

On June 15, 1966 the committee reviewed the reports submitted.

The last meeting was held on February 5, 1967.

It is the unanimous decision of the Committee that we do not at this time need such a person or position in the Town of Dighton.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD V. MUNSELL"

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the report of the committee appointed to study the need of an Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen be accepted, the committee be discharged with the thanks of the Townspeople for a job well done.

(35) VOTED: On motion of George Miguel that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus) to Reserve Account Appropriated in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6, General Laws.

(36) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town raise and appropriate \$250.00 for the purpose of maintaining during the ensuing year, the Mosquito Control Works as estimated and certified to by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provision of Chapter 112, Acts of 1931.

(37) VOTED: On motion of Jeseoph Hathaway that the Town appropriate and transfer the Dog Tax Refund in the amount of \$586.55 to the Public Library Account.

(38) VOTED: On motion of Frank Rogers that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January, 1967 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

(39) VOTED: On motion of George Miguel that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction or private sale all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

(40) VOTED: On motion of Richard Parchesco that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee to dispose of used materials returned to them by sale at public auction.

(41) Motion made by Edward Linhares that the Town appropriate and transfer \$10,000.00 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) for the purpose of a study, the location and survey of a site and the preparing of preliminary plans for a new Junior High School or Middle School.

Joseph White questioned an addition to the Elementary School.

Motion made by Francis Torres to amend motion adding "or a suitable addition".

VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares amended by Francis Torres, that the Town appropriate and transfer \$10,000.00 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) for the purpose of a study, the location and survey of a site and the preparing of preliminary plans for a new Junior High School or Middle School or a suitable addition.

(42) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town adopt the following attached By-Law governing parking regulations as set down by the Board of Selectmen and to adopt a schedule of fines as provided for under Chapter 90, Section 20A, General Laws.

The Moderator appointed the following members to the Finance Committee for the year 1967-1968: Richard Parchesco, George Miguel, Russell Varley, Arthur Staples, George Silvia, Edward Roy and Thomas Sherman.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

A Special Town Meeting was held on May 31, 1967 at Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Ralph M. Deane, Jr., Moderator.

(1) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town vote to petition the General Court on behalf of the Dighton Water District for the enactment of a law authorizing the District to borrow for the purpose of constructing a gravel-packed well and pumping station, the laying of water mains, and the acquisition of land or any

interest in land in connection therewith, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing description of the law, that the following form of law be suggested:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT
TO BORROW A CERTAIN SUM OF MONEY FOR WATER
PURPOSES

Be it enacted, etc. as follows:

Section 1. The Treasurer of the Dighton Water District, hereinafter called the District, with the approval of its Board of Water Commissioners, is hereby authorized to borrow on behalf of the District not exceeding the following sums for the following purposes and to issue bonds or notes of the District therefor:

(a) fourteen thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars for the acquisition of land or interests in land, for water purposes as described in the vote passed under art. fourteen at the annual district meeting held during the current year:

(b) eighty-five thousand dollars for the laying of water mains and the development and installation of gravel-packed well and all necessary pumping equipment as described in the vote passed under art. 15 at said meeting; and

(c) one hundred forty-five thousand seven hundred fifty dollars for laying water mains as described in the vote passed under art. 17 at said meeting.

Each issue of bonds or notes under this section shall constitute a separate loan and shall be payable in not more than fifteen years from its date. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall not be subject to the debt limit for water purposes set forth in section 8 of chapter 44 of the General Laws but shall, except as provided herein, be subject to chapter 44.

Section 2. The District Treasurer's with the approval of the Water Commissioners may make temporary loans under the provisions of section 17 of chapter 44 of the General Laws in anticipation of the proceeds of the bonds or notes authorized by section 1 of this act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(2) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town vote to deed the abandoned road bed on Chestnut Street to the abutters.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

A Special Town Meeting was held on Sept. 6, 1967 at Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Ralph M. Deane, Jr., Moderator.

(1) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town vote to appropriate a sum of \$3000.00 dollars for the purpose of purchasing a new motor vehicle with accessories and equipment for the use of the Police Department, and to meet said appropriation, \$3000.00 dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

A Special Town Meeting was held on November 15, 1967 at Town Hall. Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Ralph M. Deane, Jr., Moderator. Checkers were Anna Simmons, Elaine Varley and Irene Goulart.

(1) VOTED: On motion of Edward Linhares that the Town vote to transfer \$6,000.00 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to supplement the Veteran's Benefits Account.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Charles Day that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 751 of the Acts of 1965 as amended by Chapter 16 of the Acts of 1967, providing for the establishment of a Regional School District by the City of Taunton and the Towns of Berkley, Bridgewater, Dighton, Middleborough, Raynham, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Freetown and Lakeville (or by the City of Taunton and such three or more of said Towns as shall accept said Chapter 751 as amended) and the construction, maintenance and operation of a Vocational Regional School by the said District in accordance with

the proposed agreement filed with the City Council of said City and the Selectmen of said Towns.

(3) Report read by Gerald Fleming as follows:

“The Dighton School Needs Committee, meeting since 1963, and in ever increasing numbers within the past year, has determined that a serious need exists for more classroom space within the town.

It would appear that in planning a middle school to meet Dighton's needs, it should be planned for about 125 pupils per grade or a total of 500 pupils in grades 5 thru 8. This would include 25 to 30 teaching stations broken down into 18 classrooms, shops, cafeteria, auditorium, kitchen, etc. with an overall area of about 60,000 sq. ft. The largest classes presently enrolled in Dighton are in the first 4 grades.

As you are aware, a proposal by the Town of Rehoboth and supported by the Mass. Dept. of Education, that the two towns regionalize at the middle school level. This proposal would, of course, provide needed classroom space. However, it is the feeling of this committee that the proposal should be rejected.

A series of meetings with the Rehoboth Committee and the State Dept. has indicated that the best regional proposal would be to regionalize the two towns at grades 5 thru 8 and build two schools. One could be in Dighton and another in the Rehoboth area.

However, cost comparisons indicate that there would not be substantial savings in this plan and that it would not be in the best interests of the town to regionalize at the middle school level. Comparatively speaking, a saving of about \$2.00 per thousand is all that would be saved from regionalization.

Other factors which have led the committee to recommend building the school as a town school rather than a regional school are that home rule would be maintained rather than representation on a regional school committee; students would lose their identity as Dighton students in a larger school; and, the transportation factor looms as a problem by transporting younger students for greater distances.

Despite the recommendation by this committee, the committee asks that voter preference be the guide in determining future school planning.

Also, the work of a needs committee is now accomplished and it behooves the Board of Selectmen to appoint a school building committee to further plans for necessary classroom space for the students of Dighton.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GERALD FLEMING, Chairman"

VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the report of the School Needs Committee be accepted as read and the Committee be discharged with the thanks of the Townspeople.

(4) VOTED: On motion of J. Gerald Fleming that the Town express their opinion that their preference of a middle school should be local, rather than regional.

(5) VOTED: On motion of J. Gerald Fleming that the Board of Selectmen appoint a School Planning and Building Committee.

(6) Report read by C. Douglass Garnett as follows:

"To the Townspeople of Dighton: The Planning Board has held approximately twelve meetings plus additional meetings with Town Counsel preparing a Zoning By-Law for the Town. A petition was presented which requested that the Town prepare a Zoning By-Law. Many Citizens have asked the Planning Board, either individually or collectively to prepare this By-Law.

At first, the Planning Board felt that this should be done by professionals. A Planning Grant with the Federal Government participating has been applied for. A "freeze" of this money is in effect at this time but from the latest correspondence this money might be available for use in June of 1968. If this is the case, then it would be March of 1970 or 71 before a Zoning By-Law would be ready for the Town. With this in mind, your Planning Board has attempted to prepare and write a Zoning By-Law to protect the Town for the present. We know that there are changes and amendments that are going to be needed to make this By-Law work effectively.

We advertised a legal notice on Oct. 16, 1967 and again, on Oct. 23, 1967. A public hearing was held on Nov. 1, 1967 with 62 Townspeople present. The objectors were less numerous—but more vocal. On Nov. 8, 1967 the Planning Board voted to adopt the Zoning By-Law as written except for a few changes in wording and minor boundary-line changes between Districts.

The Planning Board further recommends that this Zoning By-Law not be presented at this Special Town Meeting but that it be placed on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1968.

Respectfully submitted,

PLANNING BOARD OF DIGHTON
C. DOUGLASS GARNETT, Chairman"

VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the report of the Town Planning Board be accepted and duly recorded to conform with the requirements of the Statute.

Mr. Wilbur Menges of the Raposa-Knott Post of Dighton requested the people of Dighton to sign a petition in support of the Servicemen in Vietnam. This petition to be sent to President Johnson and copies to our Senators in Washington.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Attest:

FRANK R. ROGERS,
Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1967

Date	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
6	Terry Raymond Foster	Walter R. & Marion B. Carpenter Foster
15	Tracy Lee Perry	John & Shirley Gifford Perry
16	Martha Hanley Chadwick	David & Gertrude R. Healey Chadwick
18	Marie Alane O'Connell	Edward F. & Pearl F. J. Gascon O'Connell
21	Darcy Marie Coder	Thoma s& Beth Cambra Coder
23	Michael James Bennett	Henry L. & Mary L. Lapre Bennett
25	Tammy Jean Noons	Richard T. & Jeanne A. Rogers Noons
25	Donna Elizabeth White	Leon W. & Jane A. Haggerty White
FEBRUARY		
6	Gilbert Joseph Pontes	Gilbert J. & Shirley L. Vernazzo Pontes
23	Steven Paul Babbitt	Wallace L. & Beatrice Carlos Babbitt
23	Valerie Ann Costa	John A. & Margaret P. Thompson Costa
24	Diane Marie Ferreira	William & Ethlyn Ryder Ferreira
MARCH		
2	Eric Charles Rasmussen	Neil C. & Jane E. Rasmussen
5	Martin James Blackburn	Edward A. & Ida Louise Rose Blackburn
9	Stephen Courtney Benson	William R. & Janice M. Pedro Benson
17	Robin Louise Rebello	Edward & Claudette Sirois Rebello
19	Lewis W. C. H. O. Ashley	Lewis W. & Dora E. Jacques Ashley
20	Raymond Antone Cordeira	Antone & Dorothy A. Paiva Cordeira
APRIL		
3	Jeffrey Russell Marsden	Russell E. & Susan A. Bolen Marsden
10	Lauren Sue Deane	Ralph M. & Barbara A. French Deane
12	Aimee Lynne Johnson	William E. & Jean M. Shumway Johnson
20	James Patrick O'Connell	William & Patricia A Blake O'Connell
22	Mary Ellen Dowling	Francis & Caroline Rose Dowling
30	Marguerite Marie Cote	Ernest J. & Marie D. Camara Cote

MAY

1	Deborah Jean Rose	Francis & Mary L. Berry Rose
4	Donna A. Sheehan	Frederick C. & Marilyn A. Hartwick Sheehan
10	Lisa Jean Cummings	Kenneth W. & Rose Marie Goulart Cummings
12	Louis Botelho III	Louis & Betty Ann Frizado Botelho, Jr.
20	David Joseph Fournier	Normand R. & Alberta J. Campbell Fournier
21	Charles Joel Williams	Robert H. & Theresa M. Casey Williams
29	Joseph Francis Tracy	Thomas & Roseanna Nasise Tracy
30	Thomas Joseph Hutchinson	Ronald T. & Linda L. Silvan Hutchinson

JUNE

1	Warren Ernest Jones	Walter E. & Francis A. Rose Jones
1	Nadine Marie Lee	Robert N. & Elizabeth A. O'Connell Lee
3	Peter Christopher Leddy	John & Catherine Powers Leddy
4	Lisa Marie DiNofa	Americo A. & Gloria J. Colpas DiNofa
15	Genevieve Ellen Goldson	Thomas M. & Mary E. Grogan Goldson
16	Todd Frederick Silvia	Ronald & Shiela J. DelSolio Silvia
24	Lori Ann Braga	Edmund & Elaine Pine Braga
25	Gina Marie Perry	Antone & Virginia Nunes Perry
25	Christine Parent	George R. & Theresa A. Biltcliffe Parent
27	Brad Paul Bilodeau	Paul J. & Irene M. Simmons Bilodeau

JULY

6	Ronald Lawrence Botelho	Ronald & Natalie M. Medeiros Botelho
10	Christine Elizabeth Rice	Richard & Elizabeth P. Ford Rice
16	Joy Marie Furtado	Vincent & Audrey Leonard Furtado
24	Juliane Fitzsimmons	Frederick J. & Sheila Manning Fitzsimmons
27	Jennifer Anne Perra	Philip R. & Stephanie A. Rozowicz Perra
29	George Francis Lavigne	George F. & Donna Read Lavigne
29	Laura Lee Lopes	Richard J. & Alberta Gramm Lopes

AUGUST

14	Susan Kathleen Raymond	Myles S. & Marguerite A. Rounds Raymond
15	Donna Marie Sherman	William E. & Cecelia C. Nepini Sherman
18	David Anthony Rogers	David A. & May J. McCaffrey Rogers

SEPTEMBER

7	Dennis Earl Westgate	Dennis E. & Audrey M. Miller Westgate
9	Martha Janet Christ	Kurt G. & Louise A. McConnell Christ
21	Krista Helen Munsell	Richard V. & Lois H. Johnson Munsell
25	Tammy Gay Whisenhunt	Lonnie L. & Betty L. Porter Whisenhunt
25 Silva	Joseph & Barbara Haggerty Silva
29	Michael Charles Sherman	Thomas C. & Barbara J. Lincoln Sherman

OCTOBER

6	Teresa Marie Frost	Avery W. & Mariaelena Lopez Frost
25	Linda Morris	Joseph & Irene Frances DeCambra Morris
26	Richard Allen Bragga	Richard A. & Cynthia A. Mathieu Bragga

NOVEMBER

2	Roger Robert Duarte	William & Lorraine M. Motta Duarte
2	Theresa Ann Botelho	Raymond A. & Mary Ann Tappen Botelho
2	Roger Allan Sisson	Roger A. & Charlene A. Zeitler Sisson
6	James David Watson	David L. & Mary Louise Po Watson
14	Joseph T. White	Joseph T. & Marlene S. Hayes White
27	Edward Bernardo Curt	Everett J. & Sandra Ferriac Curt

DECEMBER

2	Donald Lee Burnett	Donald L. & Cynthia Nunes Burnett
5	Jo Ann Cary	John M. & Dorena E. Schuh Cary
5	Jeanette Cary	John M. & Dorena E. Schuh Cary
11	Michele Marie Whitmore	Ronald R. & Jeanne M. Enos Whitmore
16	Noel Jean Medeiros	Jean & Kathleen Nickerson Medeiros
27	Peter Gerard Annunziato	Amalio E. & Helen A. Fraga Annunziato

MARRIAGES REGISTERED

IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1967

JANUARY

- 7 Avery Frost of Dighton and Mariaelena Lopez of Dighton.
- 7 Joseph Silvia of Dighton and Bonnie Arnold of Swansea.
- 14 George F. Lavigne, Jr. of Dighton and Donna Read of Dighton.
- 26 David L. Tweedy of Taunton and Janet Goff of Dighton.

FEBRUARY

- 10 Timo Karppinen of Dighton and Shirley Brady of Swansea.
- 24 Arnold Personeni of Taunton and Carol Lamaureaux of Dighton.
- 24 Donald E. Baker of Rehoboth and Patricia Terrio of Rehoboth.
- 25 Paul R. Patzer of New Bedford and Anne M. Silva of Dighton.

MARCH

- 4 Ralph W. Carr of Dighton and Shirley L. (Rose) Green of Taunton.
- 10 Vaughn C. Greene of Dighton and Priscilla Warren of Fall River.
- 11 David O. Leiendecker of Ohio and Priscilla F. Wells of Dighton.
- 18 Leonard Weiner of Dighton and Judith C. Barry of Dighton.
- 20 David E. Roessing of Westfield and Evelyn Costa of Taunton.
- 25 Dan W. Rose of Dighton and Laurenda Ann Menges of Dighton.

APRIL

- 10 William R. Jones of Taunton and Constance L. Atwood of Dighton.
- 28 John R. Bryan of Dighton and Janet C. Zimmerman of Adams.
- 29 Leo W. Dupuis of Rehoboth and Paulette A. Boucher of Dighton.

MAY

- 6 Albert Enos of Dighton and Sandra J. Rocha of Taunton.
- 13 Thomas B. Berube of Fall River and Carol V. Cash of Dighton.
- 27 James E. Andrews of Dighton and Irene S. Torres of Taunton.

JUNE

- 10 John Silva, Jr. of Dighton and Mary F. Areias of E. Taunton.
- 11 Robert Karl Newman of New York and Clare Schloemer of Dighton.
- 17 Donald Silva of Taunton and Carol Brown of Taunton.
- 24 Joseph Paul Fleck of Dighton and Edith Pimental of Taunton.
- 24 John P. Hardy of Dighton and Kristine A. Peckham of Rehoboth.

JULY

- 1 Antonio Santos of Attleboro and Virginia (Ashley) Zeitler of Dighton.
- 8 Jon E. Kingsley of Rehoboth and Jean E. Dupont of Dighton.
- 29 Willard St. Onge of Dighton and Elizabeth A. Keeley of Fall River.

AUGUST

- 12 Gary A. Logan of Somerset and Edith May Adams of Dighton.
- 12 James A. Blackwell of Taunton and Ruth A. Gallego of Taunton.
- 19 Edward H. Buswick of Marlboro and Judith E. James of Dighton.
- 25 Alfred N. Lewis of Swansea and Cynthia (Compos) Cardeiro of Dighton.
- 26 John H. Gillespie of Maryland and Ann M. Turner of Dighton.
- 26 James D. Marsden of Dighton and Catherine L. Volante of Newton Centre.
- 27 Brian C. Kinney of Rehoboth and Margaret B. Shaw of Dighton.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Walter E. Miller of Dighton and Helen M. Lyons of Whitman.
- 4 James Leonardo of Swansea and Rosemarie J. Duarte of Dighton.
- 9 Robert A. Rose of Dighton and Janice F. Proulx of Taunton.
- 9 John P. Aguiar of Taunton and Delia M. DeCambra of Dighton.
- 16 George F. Rubadou of Dighton and Carol L. Berwick of Rehoboth.
- 16 Robert E. Farrar of Dighton and Susan E. Rodham of Duxbury.
- 23 Paul R. Earle of Tiverton, R.I. and Donna Lee Gailes of Dighton.
- 23 Wallace J. Perry, III of Bourne and Linda Lee Spinney of Dighton.
- 30 Gary J. Wynn of Dighton and Joyce F. Bouchard of Taunton.

OCTOBER

- 12 Robert R. Savasta of Prov., R.I. and Beverly J. Simons of Dighton.
- 21 Gardino F. Cataloni, Jr. of Attleboro and Janet E. Varley of Dighton.

NOVEMBER

- 17 Arthur R. Weaver of Attleboro and Opal L. (Peck) Stewart of Attleboro.
- 18 Francis A. Churchill of Dighton and Emily M. (Brown) Belcher of Stoughton.
- 30 Leslie J. Brown of Taunton and Arlene M. (Townsend) Grace of Dighton.

DECEMBER

- 16 Steven W. Brown of W. Yarmouth and Deborah O. Day of Dighton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1967

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
JANUARY				
5	Maria (Souza) Cordeiro Amarello	71	—	—
12	Joseph Boucher	78	7	6
15	Gary Todd Fleck	16	3	17
15	Joseph DaCunha	77	11	—
18	Maria Camillo (Camara) Martin	82	—	—
24	James P. Gilligan	86	2	25
28	Mary Stell (Gouveia) Rogers	73	11	28
30	Maud Alice (Webster) Lindell	93	5	16
FEBRUARY				
16	Annie C. (Silveira) Perry	75	6	4
20	Marilda (Senay) Masse	76	9	30
22	Emma (Maycock) Seaman	70	7	30
MARCH				
8	John W. Synan	78	8	4
13	Margaret (Benjamin) Fisher	63	10	6
16	Frank C. Souza	47	3	13
19	Joseph N. Parenteau	79	11	21
30	Edwin Broadbent	80	5	0
APRIL				
6	Dorothy D. (Silvia) Rylands	65	—	18
9	Alexandrina L. (Souza) Reis	86	—	—
12	Michalina (Rusinska) Zelisko	71	—	—
14	Stella (Pierce) Briggs	79	—	—
21	James Patrick O'Connell	21 hrs.	47 mins.	
23	Minnie (Brindle) Brown	86	2	11
26	Frank Rogers	59	8	16
26	Mary Ellen Dowling	—	—	4
26	John Lima	52	7	25
27	Julia K. (Painter) Goode	69	2	1

MAY

1	Maria Raposa (Rosa) Rosa	91	—	—
2	Manuel S. Corey	73	11	28
7	Carrie B. (Howard) Wilkinson	88	4	3
9	Edith V. (Pierce) Goff	82	8	4
19	Kenneth A. Buckley	45	11	10
28	Mary A. (Enos) Casey	64	—	—

JUNE

16	Elizabeth (Coughlin) Evans	86	—	13
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JULY

1	Arthur Thomas Brightman	82	6	17
5	Estella Roxie (Woodbury) Ellis	75	10	5
12	Anna (Caron) Dubois	75	1	9
16	Marjorie (Sanford) Snow	68	5	19
28	Caroline (Gomes) Martin	96	—	—

AUGUST

4	Alice (Kossoi) Kossoi	78	—	—
5	Emma E. (Kelsell) Knight	79	—	—
17	Rose Marie (Goulart) Cummings	28	11	14
19	Antonio R. Rodrigues	78	9	15
24	Jennie E. (Doucette) Seekell	91	5	19
27	Lillian M. (Simmons) Barney	80	8	11

SEPTEMBER

4	Mary (Lorian) Corey	66	11	27
7	Henry Irving Bradley	74	10	27
17	Catherine A. (Burns) Byrne	80	8	21
22	Charles H. Plunkett	61	—	—
24	Lyman Allen Munroe	84	—	12
30	Frank Enos Costa	66	5	12

OCTOBER

1	Florence M. (Beal) Perry	79	5	5
18	Alice M. (Hetherington) Strong	78	3	20
30	Margaret A. (Wade) Ouellette	51	3	2

NOVEMBER

6	Ira Elliot Bennett	64	6	1
14	Ethel M. (Goodrich) Brown	83	6	4
23	Bessie (Anthoine) Tudbury	86	11	5
28	Jethro Plummer	88	6	26

DECEMBER

14	Carrie E. Miller	86	2	29
15	Mary T. Cusick	50	—	—
15	Manuel Ferreira	71	9	10
17	William Astley	82	10	11
19	Eileen L. Smith	60	—	—
27	Wilfred Chouinard	61	—	—
28	George E. LaFleur	82	—	—
30	Mary H. Frawley	76	—	—

REPORT OF CEMETERY FUND

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	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/66	Interest in 1967	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/67
Harriet M. Briggs	200.00	302.57	12.65	315.22	15.00	300.22
Submit Babbitt	150.00	175.70	7.58	183.28	7.00	176.28
Mary J. Briggs	100.00	145.47	6.27	151.74	6.00	145.74
Edgar A. Essex	200.00	288.84	12.20	301.04	8.00	293.04
Ebenezer Gay	150.00	167.85	7.25	175.10	6.00	169.10
William D. Goff Lot	100.00	141.40	6.10	147.50	5.00	142.50
Bliss-Arthur A. Hathaway	200.00	270.14	11.41	281.55	8.00	273.55
Nancy C. Jones	150.00	204.46	8.61	213.07	7.00	206.07
Dr. A. J. Smith	150.00	197.40	7.82	205.22	7.00	198.22
Martha L. Smith	50.00	58.00	2.30	60.30	2.00	58.30
Oliver P. Simmons	721.00	722.11	31.74	753.85	30.00	723.85
Sarah Babbitt Lot	100.00	223.92	9.42	233.34	8.00	225.34
Joseph Gooding	142.75	149.60	6.47	156.07	5.00	151.07
Josephine G. Thaxter Lot	100.00	129.83	5.46	135.29	4.00	131.29
William Walker	250.00	256.22	11.09	267.31	9.00	258.31
Jesse P. Goff	100.00	126.81	5.34	132.15	4.00	128.15
George H. Horton	100.00	168.07	7.03	175.10	8.00	167.10
E. & J. Lincoln	200.00	233.55	9.84	243.39	8.00	235.39
Gilbert Strange	300.00	313.20	13.43	326.63	24.00	302.63
Josiah R. Talbot	100.00	208.38	9.00	217.38	8.00	209.38

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/66	Interest in 1967	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/67
Emery White	100.00	122.52	5.16	127.68	4.00	123.68
Emeline Williams	100.00	132.73	5.73	138.46	5.00	133.46
Charles E. Carr	500.00	560.34	23.72	584.06	16.00	568.06
Isabelle W. Snow	100.00	100.14	3.96	104.10	4.00	100.10
N. Allen Walker	150.98	200.73	8.83	209.56	25.00	184.56
Briggs Lot	125.00	130.68	5.63	136.31	5.00	131.31
Joshua Bliss	5000.00	5974.57	256.60	6231.17	160.00	6071.17
Bliss-Westcoat	200.00	282.39	12.11	294.50	3.00	291.50
David W. Francis	100.00	154.55	6.81	161.36	3.00	158.36
Albert F. Goff	50.00	58.02	2.34	60.36	2.00	58.36
Elbridge G. Francis	200.00	277.26	11.90	289.16	3.00	286.16
George E. Francis	100.00	218.73	9.64	228.37	3.00	225.37
Benjamin F. Goff	100.00	166.18	7.12	173.30	3.00	170.30
Emerson W. Goff	100.00	149.32	6.56	155.88	3.00	152.88
Ephira Goff	100.00	136.65	5.84	142.49	3.00	139.49
Truman N. Goff	100.00	167.84	7.18	175.02	3.00	172.02
Zenas H. Goff	200.00	330.74	14.58	345.32	3.00	342.32
John H. Harlow	100.00	131.65	5.63	137.28	5.00	132.28
Alfred A. Horton	100.00	130.36	5.59	135.95	3.00	132.95
John H. Horton	100.00	140.84	6.19	147.03	3.00	144.03

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/66	Interest in 1967	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/67
Nelson Horton	100.00	205.47	8.80	214.27	3.00	211.37
Job Paull	100.00	179.06	7.87	186.93	4.50	182.43
Robert S. Waterman	100.00	142.33	6.26	148.59	3.00	145.59
Etta Westcott	100.00	149.51	6.40	155.91	2.50	153.41
Westcott & McNally	200.00	244.77	9.86	254.63	3.00	251.63
Francis J. Wheeler	100.00	148.62	6.53	155.15	6.50	148.65
Shubel Wheeler	100.00	125.97	5.06	131.03	3.00	128.03
Thomas B. Witherell	100.00	148.05	6.36	154.41	6.30	148.11
Helen C. Briggs	75.00	81.12	3.40	84.52	3.00	81.52
Sylvanus Jones	100.00	158.92	6.59	165.51	10.00	155.51
Nathan Walker	100.00	116.77	5.07	121.84	3.00	118.84
Wendell Reed	100.00	122.32	5.29	127.61	4.00	123.61
Williams Lot	100.00	218.96	9.65	228.61	—	228.61
Rufus P. Horton	400.00	461.71	18.42	480.13	10.00	470.13
Charles & Mary Olney	200.00	228.07	9.20	237.27	4.20	233.07
Asa & Hannah Waterman Lot.....	200.00	227.74	9.18	236.92	8.00	228.92
Charles Osman Gay	200.00	209.45	9.07	218.52	7.00	211.52
Smith-Kay Lot	500.00	510.77	20.32	531.09	14.00	517.09
Smith Burying Ground	50.00	95.94	4.07	100.01	—	100.01

TOWN OF DIGHTON JURY LIST 1967 - 1968

Name	Occupation	Address	Post Office
Benevides, William F.	Grocer	Main St.	Dighton
Bettencourt, Jon D.	Truck Driver	School St.	No. Dighton
Carr, Louis H.	Unemployed	Elm St.	Dighton
Castonguay, Rita	Clerk	Middle St.	No. Dighton
Chace, Persis B.	At Home	School St.	Dighton
Costa, William	Welder	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Cusick, Mary T.	At Home	Main St.	Dighton
Gracia, Robert	Silver Worker	Elm St.	Dighton
Guillet, Mary A.	Housewife	Main St.	Dighton
Hathaway, Mary H.	Assembler	Center St.	No. Dighton
Horton, Patricia S.	Registered Nurse	Andrews St.	No. Dighton
Horton, Roy W.	Carpenter	Horton St.	No. Dighton
Knott, George R.	Long Frame Feeder	Bedford St.	No. Dighton
Ladd, Theodore B.	Securities Sales.	Park St.	No. Dighton
Lenny, Arthur A.	Textile Worker	Tremont St.	No. Dighton
LeForrest, Lawson	Hydrolic Press Operator	Winthrop St.	No. Dighton
Maguire, William J.	Lineman	Center St.	No. Dighton
McCombs, George H.	Security Adminitrator	Rose Terrace	No. Dighton
McCombs, Louise B.	Housewife	Rose Terrace	No. Dighton
Morton, Arthur R.	Carpenter	Summer St.	No. Dighton
Oherle, Marion G.	Housewife	Center St.	No. Dighton
Peterson, Virginia	Housewife	Cedar St.	Dighton
Pilling, Emily	Librarian	Elm St.	Dighton
Rines, Frances C.	At Home	Baylies St.	No. Dighton
Robinson, Frederick A.	Leather Worker	Pleasant St.	Dighton
Rose, John F.	Carpenter	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Seekell, Edna	Sub. Teacher	School St.	No. Dighton
Silva, Antone R.	F'eman, Lacquer Spray Dept.	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Silva, Ramona L.	Housewife	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Simmons, Anna	Housewife	Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton
Simmons, Percy B.	Retired	Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton
Sloan, Margaret M.	Housewife	Old Williams St.	No. Dighton
Souto, Mary	At Home	County St.	Dighton
Strange, Ellis E., Sr.	Machinist	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Torres, Wilhelmina	Jewelry Wkr.	Tremont St.	No. Dighton
Varley, Elaine	Housewife	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Willis, Harry F.	Maint. Foreman	Forest St.	No. Dighton
Wilson, Myrtle	At Home	Pleasant St.	Dighton
Wolfenden, Mary R.	Counter Girl	Briggs St.	No. Dighton

JURORS DRAWN DURING 1967

January 18, 1967

Kathryn B. Sandager, 1275 Williams St., Housewife.

Sybil E. Bacon, 1188 Smith St., Department Manager.

Eunice Plonka, 1587 Elm St., Electronic Assembler.

April 12, 1967

John Cambra, 1965 County St., Carpenter.

Joseph C. McMullen, 233 Pearl St., Lineman.

April 12, 1967

Wayne M. Philbrook, 895 Somerset Ave., Teacher-Minister.

May 10, 1967

Charles E. Brin, 2052 Winthrop St., Chemical Technician.

Lester H. Lassen, 2168 Pleasant St., Foreman.

Beulah Read, 698 Prospect St., Set-Up Girl Texas Instruments.

June 20, 1967

Francis O'Connor, 641 School St., Electrician.

Elizabeth L. Rose, 1297 Williams St., Housewife.

September 6, 1967

Marion G. Oehrle, 325 Center St., Housewife.

Jon D. Bettencourt, 636 School St., Correctional Officer.

September 18, 1967

Louise B. McCombs, 249 Rose Terrace, Housewife.

October 4, 1967

George R. Knott, 230 Bedford St., Long Frame Feeder.

Louis H. Carr, 2977 Elm St., Unemployed.

November 8, 1967

William Benevides, 281 Main St., Grocer.

December 13, 1967

Rita Castonguay, 846 Middle St., Clerk.

December 20, 1967

William Costa, 863 Somerset Ave., Welder.

Theodore A. Ladd, 641 Park St., Securities Salesman.

Frederick A. Robinson, 2150 Pleasant St., Leather Worker.

December 20, 1967

Harry F. Willis, 6 Forest St., Maintenance Foreman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Our annual report to the citizens of Dighton for the year 1967 is as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS

To Be Raised by Taxation	\$817,566.55	
To Be Taken from Available Funds:		
Voted in 1967	\$86,495.97	
Voted in 1966	2,000.00	
	<hr/>	88,495.97
School Lunches & Libraries		5,928.01
State Taxes		4,075.48
Audit of Municipal Accounts		159.14
Masquito Control		3,051.74
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills		415.50
County Tax		33,012.74
County Hospital Assessment		5,684.04
1966 Underestimates		1,434.49
Overlay		58,435.11
Amount to be Raised	<hr/>	\$1,018,258.77

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

State Tax Basis—	
Local Aid Fund Chp. 660	119,027.10
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	79,418.60
Licenses	3,754.50
Income Tax	19,269.46
Veterans Benefits	4,861.00
Abatements to Veterans	356.70
School Transportation	15,000.00
Outside School Transportation	73.13
Construction of School Project	
Chp. 645	11,792.00
School Lunch Program	4,985.76
Interest on Taxes	565.55

Public Libraries	942.25	
A F D C	2,032.00	
D A	252.00	
O A A	6,604.00	
M A	14,168.00	
Tuition & Transportation Chp. 76	3,501.00	
General Relief	692.00	
Special Education Program		
Chp. 69 & 71	6,984.49	
School Aid Chp. 70	53,717.39	
Meals Tax	1,838.66	
Overestimates to be used as availble funds	96.55	
Transferred from available funds	88,495.97	
Total Estimated Receipts		\$438,428.11
CV Amount to be raised by taxes		\$579,830.66
Value of Personal Property	714,125.00	
Taxes Assessed on Personal	62,128.88	
Value of Real Estate	5,950,595.00	
Taxes Assessed on Real Estate	517,701.78	
Total Valuation	\$6,664,720.00	
Total Taxes		\$579,830.66
Tax Rate—\$87.00 per M		
Total number of persons assessed	1,275	
Number of acres of land assessed	12,718	
Number of dwelling houses assessed	1,157	
Number of businesses assessed	35	
Value of exempt property	3,946,658.00	
Stock in trade	69,525.00	
Machinery	28,500.00	
All other tangible personal property	616,000.00	
Value of land	853,970.00	
Value of buildings	5,096,625.00	
Taxes assessed on Motor Vehicles & Trailers	98,783.20	

NORTH DIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT

Appropriations	28,877.00	
To be taken from Available Funds	2,200.00	
Overlay	1,224.95	
Gross amount to be raised		\$32,301.95
Estimated Receipts	17,300.00	
Transferred from Available Funds	2,200.00	
Total Estimated Receipts		\$19,500.00
Net amount to be raised by taxes		\$12,801.95
Value of Personal Prop.	34,400.00	
Taxes on Personal	240.80	
Value of Real Estate	1,794,450.00	
Taxes on Real Estate	12,561.15	
Total Valuation	\$1,828,850.00	
Total Taxes		\$12,801.95
Tax Rate—\$7.00 per M		

DIGHTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DISTRICT

Appropriations	4,929.00	
Overlay	484.98	
Gross Amount to be raised		\$5,413.98
Value of Personal Prop.	302,525.00	
Taxes on Personal	605.05	
Value of Real Estate	2,404,465.00	
Taxes on Real Estate	4,808.93	
Total Valuation	\$2,706,990.00	
Total Taxes		\$5,413.98
Tax Rate—\$2.00 per M		

DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT

Appropriations	68,602.32	
To be taken from available funds	5,500.00	
Overlay	5,024.48	
Gross amount to be raised		\$79,126.80
Estimated Receipts	27,000.00	
Transferred from available funds	5,500.00	
Total Estimated Receipts		\$32,500.00
Amount to be raised by Taxes		\$46,626.80
Value of Personal Prop.	345,375.00	
Taxes on Personal	4,317.19	
Value of Real Estate	3,384,760.00	
Taxes on Real Estate	42,309.61	
Total Valuation	\$3,730,135.00	
Total Taxes		\$46,626.80

Tax Rate—\$12.50 per M

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD M. MENDOZA, Chairman
HOWELL S. CARR
LEO T. PIVIROTTTO
Board of Assessors

DOGS LICENSED IN 1967

Males	287
Females	43
Spayed Females	123
Kennels	12
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	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Dighton Water District—Real Estate									
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1966	29.15	26.40	24.20	34.30	33.60	28.00	237.00	1,630.20	
Commitment									
Added Interest			.22	.18	.14	.10	16.79	30.79	42,309.61
Paid Taxes in Litigation			2.20	2.46	2.40	2.00	2.00	2.20	6.74
Total	<u>29.15</u>	<u>26.40</u>	<u>26.62</u>	<u>36.94</u>	<u>36.14</u>	<u>30.10</u>	<u>255.79</u>	<u>1,663.19</u>	<u>42,316.35</u>
Paid Treasurer	29.15	26.40	26.62	36.94	18.17	2.10	216.79	1,387.64	40,772.92
Abatements					17.97	28.00	28.00	30.80	70.00
Taxes in Litigation									45.00
Tax Titles									45.63
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1967							11.00	244.75	1,382.80
Total	<u>29.15</u>	<u>26.40</u>	<u>26.62</u>	<u>36.94</u>	<u>36.14</u>	<u>30.10</u>	<u>255.79</u>	<u>1,663.19</u>	<u>42,316.35</u>
Dighton Electric Light District—Personal									
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1966								8.40	
Commitment									
Added Interest								.10	605.05
Total								<u>8.50</u>	<u>605.05</u>
Paid Treasurer								4.50	605.05
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1967								4.00	
Total								<u>8.50</u>	<u>605.05</u>
Dighton Electric Light District—Real Estate									
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1966	4.62	4.95	3.52	5.74	5.32	5.32	26.02	212.22	
Commitment									
Added Interest			.32	.42	.38	.38	1.73	4.79	4,808.93
Paid Taxes in Litigation			3.84	6.16	5.70	5.70	.38	.40	.94
Total	<u>4.62</u>	<u>4.95</u>	<u>3.84</u>	<u>6.16</u>	<u>5.70</u>	<u>5.70</u>	<u>28.13</u>	<u>217.41</u>	<u>4,809.87</u>

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Paid Treasurer	4.62	4.95	3.84	6.16	2.70	.38	22.81	191.59	4,629.22
Abatements					3.00	5.32	5.32	5.60	6.60
Taxes in Litigation									7.20
Tax Titles									4.70
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1967								20.22	162.15
Total	\$4.62	\$4.95	\$3.84	\$6.16	\$5.70	\$5.70	28.13	217.41	4,809.87

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North Dighton Fire District—Personal

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1966

Commitment

Total

Paid Treasurer

Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1967

Total

	3.50								240.80
									240.80
									237.30
									3.50
									240.80

North Dighton Fire District—Real Estate

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1966

Commitment

Added Interest

Total

	108.07								12,561.15
									.26
									12,561.41

Paid Treasurer	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Abatements							118.72	223.29	12,155.58
Taxes in Litigation								19.60	
Tax Titles									14.00
Balance Due, Dec. 31, 1967								132.20	8.40
Total							<u>\$118.72</u>	<u>\$375.09</u>	<u>383.43</u>
									\$12,561.41

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK R. ROGERS,
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the following report of the Dighton Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1967:

The Department received 96 calls as follows: Assist sick painter from staging (1), Automobile Accidents (1), Automobile Fires (7), Boat (1), Building (1), Bathroom (1), Brush & Grass (3), Brush (10), Chimney (3), Chicken Coop (1), Clothes Dryer (2), Dump (12), False Calls (1), Grass (17), Grass & Brush (3), Grass & Auto Tires (1), House (3), Jr. High School (1), Leaves (2), Mattress in Road (2), Marsh Grass (1), Parlor Chair (1), Rags in House (1), Restaurant (1), Rescue Cat from Tree (1), Rubbish (2), Shed (1), Sump-Pump (1), Telephone Short Circuit (1), Tree Stump (1), Search for Lost Person (3), Search for Downed Aircraft (1), Woods (7), Wash Road After Accident (1).

The following are the approximate figures of the amount of materials and equipment used: Water—47,575 gals., Booster Hose—8,400 ft., Forestry Hose—9,200 ft., 2½" Hose—1,150 ft., 1½" Hose—2,350 ft., Hydrants—22, CO² Extinguishers—3, Dri-Powder—2, Pump Cans—8, Ladders—226 ft., Portable Generators, Lights, Smoke Ejectors, Scott Air Packs, Fire Brooms, Chimney Cleaners, Foam Ejectors, etc.

The following number of Permits were issued: Oil Burner (30), L.P. Gas (4), Explosives (6), Gasoline (2), Fireworks (1), Underground Oil Storage (1).

Tank truck used for snow plowing.

Six cellars were pumped out after the storm of May 26, 1967.

New ambulance was received and put into service.

Stand-by was maintained at the North and South Stations during the snow storms and also on other occasions—July 4, 1967, Halloween and during I.C.I. vacation.

Three members of the Department attended a fire seminar that was held in Fairhaven.

The Department took part in the Dighton Memorial Day Parade and the Kiddies Day Parade.

The Fire Department stood-by at the Dog Track during the Fire Works Display.

I wish to thank the Town Officials and the citizens of our Town for the cooperation and assistance they have given the Fire Department and also for helping to keep our fire losses at a minimum during the year, and to members of the Department for their faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY F. WILLIS, Chief

Dighton Fire Department and
Forest Warden

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1967

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1966	\$ 303,556.27
Total Receipts in 1967	1,352,431.43
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	\$1,655,987.70
Selectmen's Warrants in 1967	\$1,387,575.92
Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1967	268,411.78
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	\$1,655,987.70

See Town Accountant's Report for detailed list of receipts and expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. ROGERS,
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen,

I hereby submit my report of Police activities for 1967.

ARRESTS: Assault and Battery (7), Drunkenness (4), Lewd and Lascivious in Speech and Behavior (1), Unnatural Act (1), Breaking and Entering (5), Nonsupport (1), Larceny (5), Breaking Probation (1), Escapees from State Hospital (3), Failure to Stop for a Stop Sign (1), Operating to Endanger (1), Leaving the Scene (1), Operating Without a License (1), On Warrants for Other Departments (8).

Summons Served for Other Departments (128), Complaints Received (601), Requests Received (196), Report of Larceny (11), Reports of Breaks (22), Missing Persons (4), Missing Persons Located (3), Cars Reported Stolen (9), Stolen Cars Located (3), Accidents Investigated (34).

There were (22) Licenses issued to Carry Firearms and (2) Licenses issued to Sell Firearms.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. MASON, Chief,
Police Department

REPORT OF THE DIGHTON AMBULANCE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the following report of the service rendered by the Dighton Ambulance for the year ending December 31, 1967.

During the year the ambulance made 137 runs. They are as follows:

To the—

Dighton Nursing Home	5
Ellis Nursing Home, Attleboro	1
Home, Dighton	5
Home, Taunton	1
Longmeadow Nursing Home, Taunton	1
Lakeville Hospital, Lakeville	2
Morton Hospital, Taunton	65
New England Medical Center, Boston	1
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston	3
St. Ann's Hospital, Fall River	3
Taunton State Hospital	1
Truesdale Hospital, Fall River	15
Union Hospital, Fall River	16
Wedgemere Rest Home, Taunton	8
Ambulance Not Used	8

From—

Automobile Accidents
 Brook Street
 Bristol County Nursing Home
 Dighton Nursing Home
 Dr. Blumenthal's Office
 Ellis Nursing Home, Attleboro
 Elm Street, Dighton
 Fire Station, South Dighton
 Fire Station, North Dighton
 Home, Dighton

I. C. I. Organics, Inc.	
Jr. High School	
Longmeadow Nursing Home	
Morton Hospital	
Our Lady of Lourdes School, Taunton	
Raytheon, North Dighton	
St. Ann's Hospital, Fall River	
Taunton Dog Track, Dighton	
Taunton Yacht Club, Dighton	
Wedgemere Nursing Home, Taunton	
Town Garage, Dighton	
Patient's Handled	139
Patient's Administered Oxygen	17
Patient's D. O. A.	6
Accidents	9

I wish to thank the Officers and Members of the Dighton Fire Department who have 'manned' the Ambulance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY F. WILLIS, Chief
Fire Department of Dighton

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen,

I hereby submit my report as Dog Officer for 1967.

All strays were picked up after ten days, turned over to the County. All complaints were acted upon. Reports of dog bites were turned over to the State Health Department. (12) dogs were killed on highways.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES H. MASON,
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the 1967 report of the Dighton Town Nurse from January 1, 1967 - August 31, 1967.

Home Visits	117
Mileage	1013 miles
Fees Collected	\$67.00

Immunization Clinics:

Clinics were held at the Dighton Elementary School in March, April and May.

March 17, 1967—D. P. T. (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) Injections were given to 11 pre-school children. D. T. (Diphtheria and Tetanus) Injections were given to 88 Students in Grades I and VI. Sabin Oral Polio was given to 12 pre-school children.

April 14, 1967—D. P. T. Injections were given to 5 pre-school children. D. T. Injections were given to 9 students in Grades I and VI. Adult D. T. Injections were given to 45 students in Grade XI at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School.

May 19, 1967—D. P. T. Booster Injections were given to 8 pre-school children. Smallpox Vaccinations were given to 11 children entering Grade I in September. Sabin Oral Polio Drinks were given to 8 pre-school children. Injections at these clinics were all given by Dr. Charles Souza, Town and School Physician.

I want to extend my appreciation to Mrs. Albertine Dwyer, R.N., Mrs. Donald French, Mrs. Antone Compos and Mrs. Edward Silvia for their assistance at these clinics.

New Pre-School Immunization Law:

A new law put into effect on December 4, 1967, makes it mandatory that all children entering school be immunized

against smallpox, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles and polio.

Previously, children entering school had to present certificates of smallpox and birth only.

Clinics will be held in January for measles and March, April and May for all the other necessary immunization. Please watch your local newspaper and school menus for the dates and times of these clinics. All Dighton children are eligible for free immunization.

Annual Tuberculosis follow-ups were completed in the spring and the report was forwarded to the State Department of Health.

The Bristol County Health Association, in connection with the Local Board of Health and School Physician and Nurses conducted Heaf Tuberculosis Tests on all students in the Elementary and Junior High Schools who had parental consent, on December 15, 1967. Parents will be notified of the results. All students who showed a reaction to this test will be given a second test and chest x-ray if necessary at no cost to the parent.

As of September 1, 1967, our Town Nursing Service has been placed under the Taunton Visiting Nurse's Association. This change was made necessary by the Medicare Health Insurance Plan. In order for the residents of our Town covered by this medical insurance to receive all of the benefits they are entitled to, the Town must be covered by a full time nursing agency. The cost of setting up and operating a full time agency of our own would far exceed the benefits a small town would receive from it at this time. After several meetings with Mrs. Laderbauche, of the Taunton Visiting Nurse Association, the members of the Board of Health and myself, it was felt that this move was in the best interest of our Town at the present time.

My sincere thanks to Mr. Torres, Mr. Christenson, Mr. Linhares and the Town Office Personnel for all of their kindnesses and assistance during my period as Town Nurse.

To the people of the Town that I have had the privilege to serve, I will always remember your kindnesses to me and the warmness with which I have been accepted into your homes. I thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,
CAROLYN M. BOOTH, R.N.

REPORT OF THE SANITATION INSPECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The following permits were issued in 1967:

Sanitation	66
Building	104

The Building Permits consist of the following:

New Houses	39
Trailers	16
Garages	7
Sheds	16
Greenhouses	2
Additions	19
Swimming Pools	5

Farm labor camps and food establishments were inspected as required by state statutes.

A number of complaints, pertaining to public health, were investigated and any violations found corrected.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO A. DUFFY, R.S.,
Sanitation Inspector

REPORT OF THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE

To the Board of Selectmen:

The Dighton Heritage Committee met in the year 1967 and listed events which the Committee feels may be historically important. The Committee is also intensely interested in the attempts of the Dighton Historical Society to obtain a suitable home which may start a Dighton Museum of Old Dighton Articles, and hopes that the citizens of Dighton will help to support such a worthy project.

Work is continuing on the project of mapping the industrial development of the Segreganset River between the old Tack Mill and the Cotton Mill on Williams Street.

The Committee hopes to have an event which would commemorate the Revolutionary War, and did attempt to set one up in 1967 with the cooperation of the Dighton Historical Society, but it was found to be difficult with no funds available to work with.

Thanks are extended to all those who have assisted the Committee in any way and we urge participation in our work which is intended to live on through the years.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN H. LANE, Chairman

HELEN A. BROWN, Secretary

ELAINE B. VARLEY

CHARLES H. HARRIS

MARTHA CAMPBELL

Heritage Committee

REPORT OF THE TOWN HISTORIAN

To the Board of Selectmen and the Townspeople of Dighton:

The work of copying names and dates from all grave-stones in Dighton has been continued though delayed by miserable weather. Many stones are worn smooth, and only the combined efforts of three pairs of eyes can decipher them, with exactly the right position and amount of sunlight. Two more family graveyards were found, the Benjamin Lewis Lot off Lewis Street and the Fish-Horton Lot off Smith Street. Our records are proving useful in replying to inquiries.

I have become interested in the "Beehive Cave" off Wheeler Street in Dighton. Built by an expert stone mason probably 300 years ago, the rear and side walls are in good condition. In the last twenty-five years the roof stones have fallen. Like other caves of this type, it is an igloo-shaped structure with a narrow entrance that could be easily defended from attackers. It was located about two-hundred feet from an early home and hidden by sod, a pile of rocks and a brush pile. I believe that an early hunter-trapper constructed this clever cave to shelter his family from attacks by Indians.

Some towns claim that these caves date back to an even earlier civilization. Next to the Council Oak, it is surely our earliest treasure.

With the Dighton Historical Society, I have worked to increase a fund to be used to secure and maintain a home for Indian artifacts, rare antiques and papers. To preserve these for the interest and pleasure of future citizens, we need help for our money-making projects. Our present undertaking is the sale of cook books, each a collection of old-time recipes.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN H. LANE,
Town Historian

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To the People of Dighton:

During the year of 1967, the Dighton Civil Defense continued its active part in the programmed weekly and monthly radio drills. This further included a state wide drill called "CDEX-67" starting on 24 October 'thru and including 1 November, which was a Federal Civil Defense Exercise, promulgated, directed and controlled by the Army Office of Civil Defense, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and all local communities.

During the month of October, a test evacuation drill was undertaken by the Town Schools, Fire and Police Departments and the Town industry facilities. Each respective School and Town Department performed extremely well.

The Dighton Civil Defense Director requested from the Bristol County Agricultural School Board of Trustees and Mr. John B. Farrar, permission to store the Town Emergency Hospital Unit in the old B. C. A. School basement. This request was to enable us to have a closer and more careful control of this unit and to relinquish the space which this unit is utilizing in the basement of the Junior High School, for their needy purposes.

On October 23, 1967, we purchased from Government Surplus, an entirely new trailer with mounted equipment. After the removal of said equipment, the trailer will be utilized for the more feasible storage and transportation of our new 15 KW Hospital Generator Unit.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Town Officials, Police and Fire Departments, all School Officials and Teachers for their excellent cooperation; also, our faithful and duty conscientious Radio Officers, RADEF Officer and all Civil Defense Personnel who have contributed so much of their time and effort to Civil Defense work.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY DESCOTEAUX,
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

To the Townspeople of Dighton:

I hereby submit my sixth annual report of the Playground Commission.

During the winter months a basketball program was again held with a great turnout of boys supervised by Mr. Edward Silvia and Mr. Everett Carr, Jr. who headed up the program. Our sincere thanks go out to them for the time they put in with the youngsters.

This year saw our third Annual Kiddies Day. As in the past, it was the biggest day of the year for all. All refreshments were free and numerous T. V. personalities attended with sport personalities attending, also. Senator John F. Parker opened our day at 9:00 A.M. and Congresswoman Margaret Heckler appeared at 4:00 P.M. In between these hours there were numerous events and a stage show. At the height of the day there was a huge parade with numerous bands and floats. We wish to thank all those who participated in the work that was involved, especially the Dighton Street Department. We could not do such an endeavor without their help. Also, Superintendent of Streets Alfred M. Perry, Chief of Police Charles H. Mason, Fire Chief Harry F. Willis, Town Nurse Carolyn Booth, Mr. Randall Hopkins, Mr. Everett Carr, Jr., the Lions Club and the numerous merchants and organizations.

Our Playgrounds were well attended this year and well supervised by Miss Sherry Mederios and Mrs. Jean Coelho. This year many new programs will take effect, such as the modernizing of the playgrounds with some new equipment and to look into the possibility of some Federal Funds for the construction of a Tennis Court and an Ice Skating Rink.

When Christmas came, we again lit our Community Tree and had a musical program. Refreshments were donated and

served by the Dighton Lions Club. At this time, we wish to thank Mrs. Gordon Hixon for her generosity, Mr. Leo Wontkowski and the Sisters of the Presentation Novitiate of Dighton for their help in making this evening a success. We also, want to thank the children of Dighton for their excellent cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

MANUEL SANSON, Chairman
HUMBERT COSTA
SYLVESTER VILELA

REPORT OF VETERANS' AGENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Benefits were granted to seventeen (17) cases which qualified for assistance during the year 1967.

Town Appropriation of \$19,000.00 showed a balance of \$22.40 at the end of the year, as total expenditures amounted to \$18,977.60.

State reimbursements of \$4,092.73 were received. Therefore, net town expense was \$14,884.87.

Appreciation is expressed to the Commissioner of Veterans' Services and the personnel of the State Department for their assistance.

The cooperation of Town Officials and Personnel is gratefully acknowledged.

Respcetfully submitted,

RALPH DEANE, JR.,
Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The Planning Board holds its monthly meetings the second Wednesday of each month. Special meetings were held each week during the months of May, June, September, October and November.

The firm of Charles Downs Associates has been retained to prepare a Master Plan for the Town. At the present time we are waiting for a "701" Grant from the Federal Government and it is our hope that this project will be started sometime in mid' 1968.

In as much as this project will take two years to prepare, the Planning Board has prepared, for the consideration of the Town, a Zoning By-Law. The Board feels that approval of this By-Law will take care of the needs of the Town until a Master Plan can be prepared and presented to the Townspeople. Dighton has been fortunate that our rate of growth has been slower than our neighboring Towns but these Towns are or shortly will have, little land available and people will be looking to Dighton for land to build homes.

The Board has routinely signed all plans for recording of Deeds and checked all Building Permits of which, six (6) were referred to the Board of Appeals.

We express our thanks to the Citizens who served on the Comprehensive Planning Committee and to the Board of Selectmen who have cooperated with us.

Respectfully submitted,

C. DOUGLASS GARNETT, Chairman
MILTON HORTON, Vice Chairman
RICHARD BABBITT, Clerk
RICHARD ENGLER
GEORGE PERRY

PERMITS AND LICENSES ISSUED IN 1967

The following Permits were issued by the Board of Selectmen during the year 1967:

Building Permits:

New Houses	39	Gravel Permits	15
Trailers (1 Temporary)	15	Plumbing Permits	71
Garages	7	Sanitation Permits	66
Miscellaneous	20	Sausage Permits	1
In-ground Swimming Pools	5	Garbage & Rubbish	
Additions & Alterations	21	Collectors	4
Demolishing	12	Gasoline Storage Permits	3
Electrical Permits	54		

The following Licenses were issued:

All Alcoholic Beverages Licenses:

Retail Package Store	3	Camps, Cabins, Motels	2
Club	2	Common Victualler (Food)	8
Common Victualler	3	Lord's Day Entertainment	1
Temporary Wine & Malt	15	Lord's Day Sale	11

Motor Vehicle Liceses:

Class I	1	Oleomargarine	6
Class II	6	Milk, Store	7
Class III	2	Milk, Vehicle	7
Denatured Alcohol License	4	Oyster Privilege	1
Food Service Establishment	15	Auctioneer's	2

Permission to conduct dog racing was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc. from August 26, 1967 thru' September 2, 1967; to the Rehoboth Fair, Inc., from September 4, 1967 thru' September 9, 1967 and again, to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc., from September 11, 1967 thru' October 30, 1967, with an added night on October 31, 1967.

Permission was issued to Frohman Anderson to conduct Auto-Cross Time Trials at the former Nike Site, Sharp's Lot Road on eighteen (18) Sunday's during the year 1967.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1967.

Total circulation of books and periodicals	18,999
Adults	9,609
Juveniles	8,717
Periodicals	673

Number of persons using the reading room	1,622
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Collected in fines	\$80.74
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During the year, 448 books were added, 3 of which were gifts.

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY C. PILLING,
Librarian

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Selectmen:

On April 5, 1967, I was notified of my appointment and approval by Dr. Samuel Kirkwood, Commissioner of Public Health, as Inspector of Slaughtering for the Town of Dighton for the year ending March 31, 1968.

A monthly report has been mailed to the Department of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts. I have not been called upon for any inspections.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. BERGER,
Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The report of the Inspector of Animals for the year 1967 is as follows:

I visited and inspected forty-nine barns and found the following number of animals:

Cows	92
Heifers	19
Bulls	4
Horses	50
Sheep	41
Swine	58
Steers	81
Goats	4

These animals appeared healthy and the barns were clean. The inspection book was mailed to the Division of Livestock Disease Control, States Office Building, Government Center, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02202 on December 30, 1967.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. BERGER,

Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

During the year the Town Cemetery was mowed twice, by tractor and by hand mower. Low places were filled, stones were repaired and reset and stumps were removed.

In 1968, the Commissioners hope to start work in some of the other neglected Cemeteries in the Town, so that in the future they will look as nice as the Town Cemetery does at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY HORTON

EARL HATHAWAY

ELAINE VARLEY, Secretary
Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of Dighton:

Public Assistance was rendered to 114 cases during the year, with total expenditures amounting to \$73,888.64. Although the case-load was increased considerably, this was due mainly to the Medical Assistance Program. The Town was fortunate to have shown a balance of \$5,365.85 in the \$52,000.-00 appropriation, which was supplemented by Federal reimbursements that are directly applied to the respective categorical accounts. Statistics by category are herewith reported.

Aid to Families with Dependent Children was granted to 12 cases representing 39 recipients, with total expenditures in cash grants amounting to \$11,832.35 Federal reimbursements for this category of relief amounts to \$22.00 per month, per recipient count. Recipient count includes one count for each federally eligible parent, plus one count for each federally eligible child. The formula for State refunds is based on 1/3 of the total expenditures, and the Town's share is the balance.

Disability Assistance program covered aid to 8 individual cases, with total expenditures in cash grants in the amount of \$3,405.72. Federal reimbursements in this category is based on \$50.00 per month, per case count, and the total State share is an amount, which together with Federal Share, equals 75% of total payments, therefore the Town's share is 25% of total costs.

Old Age Assistance was granted to 19 individual cases, with total expenditures for cash grants in the amount of \$15,338.50. Federal reimbursements are received in the amount of \$50.00 a month, each recipient count, with total refunds by the State, in the amount of 70% of the balance, after Federal grants are deducted, therefore the Town's share is 30% of the balance.

Medical Assistance category reached a new high, with a total of 59 cases, representing expenditures of \$38,937.44.

This program is Federally matched by 50% of total payments made to medical vendor's. The State refunds the sum of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the balance after Federal deductions, therefore the Town's share is $\frac{1}{3}$ of the balance.

General Relief was granted to 16 cases, representing 26 persons, with total expenditures of \$4,734.60. Since this program is non-Federally matched, reimbursements of 20% are received by the State.

The Town appropriation of \$5,000.00 for administration expenditures was adequate, and supplemented by Federal reimbursements of \$6,487.87, with State refunds in the amount of \$2,166.71. Account of all receipts and expenditures is itemized in the report of the Town Accountant.

The annual contribution of \$500.00 by the Taunton Greyhound Association is again gratefully acknowledged and was appreciated by all recipients at Christmas. Other contributions consisted of dinners furnished by students of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, as well as the Salvation Army, Scouts and various religious organization. The Taunton Junior Chamber of Commerce again furnished Christmas gifts and a party to some children from this community. Our sincere thanks are extended to all those who contributed so generously to relief recipients.

Appreciation is expressed to the State Department of Public Welfare, District Office and to the Bureau of Accounts, for assistance in performing the varied social and fiscal problems involved in the administrative procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD LINHARES, Chairman

FRANCIS J. TORRES

RUDOLPH C. CHRISTENSON

Board of Public Welfare

BELLA M. BOUCHER,

Director of Public Assistance

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

This is the fourth annual report of the Board of Appeals. It is the duty of this board to hold public hearings for persons unable to obtain a building permit because of certain infractions to the Zoning By-Law. If these requests are not too unreasonable and if undue hardship, financial or otherwise can be approved, this board has the authority to issue a variance to the by-laws. In 1967 this board heard and acted upon six such cases.

Members of this Board are as follows:

Malcolm B. Hill, Chairman
Frohman Anderson, Clerk
William Duarte

Associate Members are:

Francis O'Connor
Joseph Lawrence
William Maguire, Sr.

I submit this report in the absence of Malcolm B. Hill, Chairman who no longer resides in Dighton.

Respectfully submitted,

FROHMAN ANDERSON,
Acting Chairman
Board of Appeals

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission met and viewed the area being considered for a boat launching ramp. It is recommended that a ramp be built on the north side of the area approximately fifty feet west of the point.

The commissioners were unable to find boundary stakes on the south side of the area and recommends that it be re-surveyed and cement bounds be placed to permanently define the area.

The commission further recommends that if possible, additional land be acquired to the south of the existing area.

Considerable fill will be required to make a parking area for cars and trailers and it is recommended that the parking area be built back from the water, near the street, to leave the shore area for other recreational purposes.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY BURT, Chairman
WILLIAM SANDAGER, Clerk
RANDALL HOPKINS
HERBERT I. CARR, JR.
GENE PERRY, JR.

Conservation Commission

Town of Dighton

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1967

General Accounts		LIABILITIES	
ASSETS			
Cash:		Reseve for Petty Cash Advances	\$ 18.00
On Hand and in Banks		Sale of Real Estate	7,725.02
Petty Cash Advances	\$268,411.78		
	18.00		
Accounts Receivable:		Appropriation Balances:	
Taxes:		Comprehensive Plan Study	\$ 5,850.00
1966 Real Estate	\$ 2,340.78	Police Cruiser Account	135.85
1967 Real Estate	11,966.42	Town Forest	750.00
		So. Dighton Dump	4,000.00
1966 Personal Property	181.00	Chapter 90—Construction	14,000.01
1967 Personal Property	217.50	Chapter 90—Chestnut St.	7,225.56
		Chapter 679—Chestnut St.	13,326.51
Taxes in Litigation		Highway Garage Addition	14,000.00
1963 Motor Excise	75.90	Land Damages	4,772.80
1964 Motor Excise	46.20	School Needs	10,000.00
1965 Motor Excise	8.80	Conservation Fund	2,005.95
1866 Motor Excise	1,837.06		76,066.68
1967 Motor Excise	7,447.14		
		Federal Grants:	
Departmental:		D.A. Adm.	159.84
Street Department	35.40	A.F.D.C. Adm.	708.69
Veterans Benefits	760.69	O.A.A. Adm.	983.61
		M.A. Adm.	649.36
Aid to Highways:		D.A.	143.51
State:		O.A.A.	309.49
Chapter 90—Williams St.	10,000.00	M.A.	3,889.34
			6,843.84

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Chapter 90—Main St.	2,000.00	Revolving Fund—School Cafeteria	1,014.93
County:			
Chapter 90—Williams St.	5,000.00	Employees' Deductions:—Grp. Ins.	499.83
Chapter 90—Main St.	1,000.00	Receipts for Grp. Ins.	24.28
	<hr/> 18,000.00		
Tax Titles	4,665.78	Agency: Proceeds—Sale of Dogs	6.00
Tax Possessions	2,549.87	Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:	
		Road Machinery Fund	1,883.10
		State Aid for Public Libraries	942.25
Underestimates:			
State Taxes & Assessments		Proceeds from Dog Licenses	11.75
State Recreation Areas	801.81	Proceeds—Sale of Town History Books	1,473.00
Washington National Insurance	9.68	Overlay—Reserved for Abatements &	
		Taxes in Litigation:	
		Levy of 1961	470.00
		Levy of 1962	484.50
		Levy of 1963	481.60
		Levy of 1964	487.19
		Levy of 1965	487.19
		Levy of 1966	3,028.56
		Levy of 1967	12,671.12
			<hr/> 18,110.16
		Revenue Reseved Until Collected:	
		Motor Vehicle Excise	9,415.10
		Tax Possessions	2,549.87
		Tax Titles	4,665.78

Departmental	796.09	
Aid to Highways	18,000.00	
		<u>35,426.84</u>
Overestimates—Taxes & Abatements:		
State Mosquito Control	343.71	
County Tax	1,643.11	
		<u>1,986.82</u>
Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus		58,232.71
Excess & Deficiency Surplus Revenue		<u>112,513.10</u>
		\$322,778.31
DEBT ACCOUNTS		
Net Funded Debt	\$ 80,000.00	Elementary School Bonds
		\$ 80,000.00
TRUST ACCOUNTS		
Trust Funds: Cash in Savings Banks	19,201.49	Cemeteries Perpetual
		Care Funds
		Joshua Bliss Cemetery Fund
		Charles S. Chase Trust Fund
		<u>11,980.67</u>
		6,071.17
		1,149.65
		<u>19,201.49</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$421,979.80	TOTAL LIABILITIES
		\$421,979.80

DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS

1967

Accountant's Analysis of Receipts for the Year 1967

Taxes

Motor Vehicle

1962	\$ 112.20	
1964	27.03	
1963	82.85	
1965	382.01	
1966	19,264.88	
1967	86,465.16	
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		\$106,334.13

Real Estate

1959	129.80	
1960	180.40	
1961	193.40	
1962	250.80	
1963	120.57	
1964	8.70	
1965	3,940.09	
1966	15,281.33	
1967	482,114.76	
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		502,219.85

Personal Property

1966	710.42	
1967	61,911.38	
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		62,621.80

Farm Excise

1964		60.00
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Interest on Taxes

Real Estate	715.70	
Motor Vehicle	113.59	
Personal Property	11.05	
Farm Excise	4.80	
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		845.14

Tax Title Account	1,647.40
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Tax Title Redemption	7.05
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Penalty Interest	382.08
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Departmental Revenue

Town Office	200.00	
Veterans Benefits	4,092.73	
General Relief Welfare	738.56	
Pumping Service	19.00	
	<hr/>	5,050.29

A.F.D.C. Adm.	504.54	
D.A. Adm.	212.66	
M.A.A. Adm.	672.30	
O.A.A. Adm.	777.21	
A.F.D.C.	3,309.52	
D.A.	141.53	
M.A.	11,960.75	
O.A.A.	5,694.21	
	<hr/>	23,272.72

Aid to Highways Revenue

State:

Chapter 679	4,442.17	
Chapter 90	3,400.00	
Chapter 81	7,948.67	
	<hr/>	15,790.84

County:

Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,700.00	
	<hr/>	1,700.00

U.S. Grants

A.F.D.C. Adm.	1,707.33	
D.A. Adm.	433.85	
M.A. Adm.	1,521.00	
O.A.A. Adm.	2,825.69	
A.F.D.C.	4,630.00	
D.A.	1,850.00	
M.A.	15,930.58	
O.A.A.	6,707.42	
	<hr/>	35,605.87

Licenses, Permits, Fees

Club Licenses	2,000.00
Restaurnt Licenses	1,000.00
Package Store—All Alcoholic	400.00
Package Store—Wine & Malt	100.00
Beer & Wine Licenses	48.00
Lord's Day License	27.00
Camp License	.50
Milk Licensees	6.75
Oleo Licenses	2.75
Common Victualler	50.00
Denatured Alcohol	3.00
Auctioneer's License	10.00
Motor Vehicle Licenses	65.00
Lord's Day Entertainment	50.00
Electrical Permits	430.00
Rubbish Permits	6.00
Syringe Permit	.50
Gravel Permits	148.50
Building Permits	465.00
Gun Permits	72.00
Oyster Bed Permit	50.00
Gasoline Storage	4.00
Sausage Mfg. Permit	5.00
Sanitation Permits	330.00
Advertising Fees	21.19
Garbage Permits	4.00
Plumbing Permits	570.00
Food Service Permits	58.50
Hearing Fees	120.00
Gas Renewals	3.50
Land Court Costs	47.80

 6,098.99
Donaton—Christmas Fund—

Taunton Greyhound Assoc. Inc.	500.00
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County of Bristol

Boarding Dogs	765.00
Dog Fund	586.55

Court Fines	66.00	
Parking Fines	18.00	
	<hr/>	1,435.55
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Aid for Public Libraries	942.25	
Meals Tax	1,861.01	
Business Corp. Tax	19,269.46	
School Aid—Chp. 645	11,792.02	
Voc. School Transportation	73.13	
School Transportation—Chp. 71	18,992.00	
State Ward—Tuition & Transp.	3,237.72	
Reimbursement—Loss of Taxes	191.40	
School Aid Chp. 69-71	53.11.00	
School Aid Chp. 70	53,717.39	
State Tax Basis	119,027.10	
	<hr/>	234,414.48
Refunds and Recoveries		
A.F.D.C.	420.00	
O.A.A.	191.20	
M.A.	1.21	
Veterans Benefits	121.56	
Land Court	5.30	
Teachers Retirement Refund	32.69	
Jr. High School Claim Refund	105.00	
Guimond Farms Refund	223.00	
Motor Vehicle Refund	40.43	
Street Dept. Claim Refund	62.00	
Street Dept. Repairs	30.00	
Town Office Refund	2.20	
Civil Defense Refund	.80	
	<hr/>	1,235.39
Miscellaneous		
Road Machinery	1,330.00	
Library Fines	80.74	
Personal Telephone Calls	28.84	
Sale of Surplus Property	62.82	
School Receipts	86.29	
Employers Comp.	50.30	
Nurse's Receipts	67.00	
Special Light—Dog Track	66.00	

Sale of Police Cruiser	427.00	
Tax Anticipation Loan	200,000.00	
Group Ins. Dividend	81.32	
Easement & Drainage Release	2.00	
Sale of Town Maps	23.25	
Town History Books	75.00	
Anniversarp Booklets	4.00	
Anniversary Coins	3.00	
	<hr/>	202,387.56
School Cafeteria		
Commonwealth of Mass.	8,701.58	
Elementary & Jr. High	25,176.78	
	<hr/>	33,878.36
Agency Accounts		
County Retirement	5,978.82	
Federal Tax	50,763.32	
State Tax	6,566.14	
Teachers Retirement	11,315.33	
Washington Insurance	902.88	
Charles Chase Fund	30.00	
Cemeteries—Perpetual Care	533.00	
Proceeds—Dog Licenses	1,147.25	
Proceeds—Sale of Dogs	96.00	
Fire Dept. Special—Dog Track	2,622.00	
Police Dept. Special—Raytheon	3,940.00	
Police Dept. Special—Dog Track	16,347.00	
Police Dep. Special—Rehoboth Fair	1,033.50	
Tax Sheltered Annuity	1,046.25	
	<hr/>	102,321.49
Contributory Group Insurance		
Employee Deductions	5,231.11	
Receipts for Group Ins.	291.36	
	<hr/>	5,522.47
Sale of Town Property		9,000.00
Surplus Sale of Tax Titles		39.02
Taxes in Litigation		60.95
		<hr/>
Total Receipts		1,352,431.43
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1967		303,556.27
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		\$1,655,987.70

DEPARTMENTAL DISBURSEMENTS

1967

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Offices

Salaries

Clerks	\$ 7,426.00	
Moderator	30.00	
Tree Warden	35.00	
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		\$ 7,501.00

Supplies, Printing, Postage

271.51

Legal Fees

2,793.25

Advertising

77.00

Town Report

980.00

Equipment

416.90

Miscellaneous

258.13

12,287.79

Selectmen

Salaries

3,520.00

Supplies, Printing, Postage

247.05

Meetings, Dues, Luncheons

209.37

Telephone

256.90

Miscellaneous

195.92

4,429.24

Assessors

Salaries

3,000.00

Supplies, Printing, Postage

126.01

Dues, Meetings

169.57

Telephone

29.50

Updating Maps

500.00

Cards from Registry

150.05

Mileage

153.28

Miscellaneous

3.50

4,131.91

Accountant

Salaries

4,125.10

Supplies & Printing

139.58

Dues, Meetings	30.94	
Miscellaneous	66.91	
	<hr/>	4,362.53
Clerk		
Salaries	1,500.38	
Clerical	59.52	
Supplies & Postage	140.39	
Printing	36.40	
Telephone	77.95	
Dues, Meetings, Lunches	51.36	
Mileage	68.74	
Miscellaneous	19.50	
	<hr/>	1,954.24
Collector		
Salaries	2,500.34	
Clerical	159.36	
Supplies & Postage	249.11	
Printing	122.55	
Dues, Lunches, Mileage	8.44	
Telephone	88.25	
Miscellaneous	89.05	
	<hr/>	3,217.40
Treasurer		
Salaries	1,500.38	
Asst. Treasurer	200.00	
Clerical	119.24	
Supplies, Printing & Postage	251.29	
Telephone	70.00	
Mileage	65.68	
Miscellaneous	49.00	
	<hr/>	2,255.59
Planning Board		
Assessment	603.04	
Dues	30.00	
Supplies	11.35	
Miscellaneous	83.12	
	<hr/>	727.51

Civilian Defense

Salary	270.00	
Fuel & Electricity	59.22	
Telephone	85.19	
Gas & Oil	8.33	
Repairs & Equipment	41.70	
Surplus Property	216.32	
	<hr/>	680.76

CONTRIBUTORY GROUP INSURANCE

Appropriated		
Boston Mutual Life Ins.	568.75	
OME Standard	389.48	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	3,949.48	
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Employee Deductions		
Boston Mutual Life Ins.	562.35	
OME Standard	323.96	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	3,883.44	
	<hr/>	4,769.75

Receipts for Group Ins.		
Boston Mutual Life Ins.	19.80	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	247.28	
	<hr/>	267.08

North Dighton Fire Station Purchase		20,000.00
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HEALTH & SANITATION**Board of Health**

Admin. Salaries	1,239.20	
Nurses' Salary	1,108.31	
Medical—Clinics	108.00	
Vital Statistics	174.00	
Animal Inspector	229.13	
Sanitation Inspector	296.00	
Plumbing Inspector	407.00	
Mileage	80.00	
Miscellaneous	10.50	
	<hr/>	3,652.14

Ambulance

Drivers	469.40	
Gas & Oil	99.20	
Laundry	25.82	
Repairs & Equipment	104.70	
Miscellaneous	77.04	
	<hr/>	776.16

Care of Town Dumps

Wages	2,184.00	
Maintenance	486.65	
	<hr/>	2,670.65

HIGHWAYS**Street Department**

Wages	19,162.20	
Equipment Rental	2,272.88	
Repairs & Supplies	2,727.48	
Signs	77.47	
Traffic & Control	497.47	
Snow Removal:		
Equipment	18.75	
Material	1,587.15	
Labor	4,562.69	
Removal of Dead Trees	670.00	
Miscellaneous	1,790.45	
Gas & Oil	326.97	
1967 Pickup Truck	1,868.57	
Building:		
Water, Electricity, Fuel	452.21	
Telephone	272.98	
Supplies	42.83	
Equipment Repair	196.25	
	<hr/>	36,526.35

Damages for Land Taken	227.20
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Comprehensive Plan Study	150.00
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Electrical Inspector	436.00
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Election and Registration

Clerical	264.60	
Registrars	400.00	
Census Takers	445.00	
Election Officers	180.00	
Policemen & Janitor	67.00	
Supplies & Printing	115.20	
Telephone	19.20	
Checkers	21.00	
Mileage	2.08	
	<hr/>	1,514.08

Board of Appeals

Dues	15.00	
Advertising	10.14	
	<hr/>	25.14

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY**Fire Department**

Chief's Salary	660.00	
Dep. Chiefs	700.00	
Janitor	170.00	
Firemen	2,633.10	
Gas & Oil	225.55	
Water, Light & Fuel	1,316.35	
Telephone	946.33	
Equipment & Repairs	4,566.82	
Miscellaneous	231.02	
I.C.I. Standby	336.00	
	<hr/>	11,785.17

Fire Department—Special—Dog Track 2,622.00

Police Department

Chief's Salary	5,836.50
Police Officers	6,817.46
Telephone	804.92
Dues, Lunches, Meetings	90.00
Gas & Oil	857.92
Supplies, Printing, Postage	168.96



ZONING COMES TO TOWN

By Stuart Chase

"ZONING," someone has said, "is aimed at keeping the kitchen stove out of the parlor."

Driving through the New England countryside the other day, I saw a sad example of a town where zoning obviously was unknown. Practically in the yard of a neat ranch-type house—last in a row of new houses—loomed a huge sign:

DRIVE-IN THEATER. It was three times

as high as the chimney on the house, and brilliantly lit at night. The people living in the house were unable to see the screen, but they could hardly avoid being bothered by the sign and the churning traffic. One promoter had built the housing development; another had backed a theater into it. The stove was in the parlor.

More than 100 million Americans,

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conservation: they had plenty of land. Today, however, with population exploding in all directions, we need both: plans for conserving our land resources, and plans for their orderly future development. A massive migration of homes and industries is in progress from cities to suburbs, bringing problems of increased car and truck traffic, housing, water supply, schools and recreation areas, the location of factories and shopping centers. Shall we let expansion range unchecked, with an oil refinery in the middle of a residential district, a hot-dog stand on the village green? Or shall we attempt to find the best places for factories, stores, schools and homes?

Zoning tries to keep present land use from further deterioration and confusion. Town planning, its twin brother, explores the landscapes of the future. The two have been called "intelligent coöperation with the inevitable."

Let's look at the experience of one rural town which may not be typical of all American communities but which faces many of the same problems and deals with the same kind of human nature.

For six years I have been secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals in our town of 3000, some 60 miles from New York. We have dairy farmers, apple growers, factory workers, shopkeepers, professional people, commuters to jobs in nearby cities, even a band of hardy commuters to New York.

Our town has lovely old colonial

houses, lovingly restored. It has upland pastures studded with cedars, arching elms and maples, rushing streams, quiet lakes and wide stretches of undeveloped woodland where wild deer leap the ancient stone walls. You can still find room to park around the handful of stores, the churches, schools and the library (which Mark Twain gave us when he lived here 50 years ago). There is one large factory, which helps the tax rate; a future development of light industry would help, too. Most of us want to keep this a town with a life of its own—not a "bedroom town," to which people working outside come only to sleep.

Year after year our town rejected the simple standard procedure for zoning offered by the State of Connecticut. Zoning was unconstitutional, people said. It would bankrupt the town. There were even more fantastic objections: "You will lose control of your farm, your home, your business, your livelihood." Obviously, people wanted complete, untrammelled liberty to build what and where they pleased, and never mind the neighbors.

Then a small drug plant with a big smell began to operate in one of our residential areas. Overnight a town meeting was called, and zoning was adopted hands down!

Following the state law, we elected a Zoning Commission of five unpaid citizens, who held a series of public hearings and drew up a zoning code. This document divided the town into three districts or

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zones: (1) residential and farming; (2) commercial and shopping; (3) industrial and manufacturing. Anybody could go right on doing what he had been doing up to the moment zoning was voted in; the law applied only to *new* activities. Old signboards, for example, could stay. Our code regulated only new signboards, and it forbade various specific industries, especially odorous ones, from coming in. It also frowned on mental institutions and prisons, commercial dance-halls, junkyards, gravel banks and dumps—unless the last two were operated by the town.

After a series of lively hearings, the code was accepted in town meeting, and the Zoning Commission settled down to see that the provisions were carried out. As an emergency measure—because promoters' bulldozers were poised to move in—the Commission decided to limit house lots to one acre in part of the residential and farming zone, two acres in the rest. There was also a setback provision for new construction: 50 feet from the road, 25 feet from property lines.

These restrictions stopped the out-of-town subdividers who were threatening to cut up large sections of the town into small-lot developments. We were worried about that.

For the owner of a new ranch-style house on a quarter-acre would pay taxes of about \$200 a year at current rates. But two school-age children in that house would cost the town \$600 a year for education and transporta-

tion. A whole row of such houses would upset the town budget badly.

Still, some citizens complained that the Commission was high-handed about its acreage restrictions. Soon, they said, we would make it four acres, six acres, ten acres! "Little people won't be able to live here any longer. There'll be nobody left but the rich." The Commission replied that when the town adopted a planning law, acreage restrictions could be reviewed and, if necessary, amended.

Meanwhile, applications for exceptions to the code began to multiply. The Telephone Company wanted to build a dial exchange in the residential zone; the Canine College wanted to enlarge its kennels; a woman wanted to open an antique shop in her house; a farmer complained that his new turkey house could only be placed in a "non-conforming" spot; a retired doctor wanted to sell gravel from his place.

Most of these projects were quite reasonable, and fortunately the state law provides a means of coping with them. This is a Zoning Board of Appeals, composed of five citizens, also unpaid, who hear complaints and grant exceptions, called "variances," if a genuine hardship can be demonstrated. If an applicant is not satisfied with the Board's decision, he can appeal to the regular state courts.

As secretary of our Board I have helped to investigate more than 100 applications for variance. I have inspected buildings and boundaries,

sometimes with tape measure in hand. In six years our Board has granted 72 percent of all applications, and we have had no formal court case as yet. I have begun to understand the pressures involved. Zoning is about one-third law and two-thirds human relations. If there is no mutual trust between the zoning officials and the townspeople, zoning might as well go out the window.

Most hearings are quiet, but some are not, as when the head of one of the town's political parties came to us with an application for a variance—*after* he had built an addition to his house too near the highway. If we denied his application, we could be charged with dealing out political punishment. If we granted it, we would be setting a precedent for other violators. The public hearing in the school gymnasium was packed, and emotion ran high.

We turned the applicant down. But our lawyer and his arranged a compromise. He was able to move the end of the structure without undue expense. Citizens take more care now: they measure before they build.

Another stormy hearing dealt with an application to turn an old inn into a convalescent hospital. The hall was well filled, for nearly everybody hoped to hear an acceptable proposal to have the gracious old building occupied again. The prospective purchaser's lawyer addressed the assembled neighbors as he would a jury—a jury with a low I.Q.

He assured us that his client's proposal was perfectly legal; that there would be fire escapes, emergency exits and so on. What he proposed to do *inside* the legal frame was not specified.

By the time the chair called for questions from the floor, the mood of the audience had given way to deep suspicion. "What doctors have you consulted?"—"What experience have you had?"—"Is it going to be a home for alcoholics?"—"For mental cases?" One of our leading citizens rose to his feet with dignity. "We came here prepared to listen to any reasonable proposition," he said, "and all we have heard is double-talk about legality. We resent the patronizing attitude of counsel."

There was a burst of applause, during which applicant and counsel made a quick exit. Our Board did not need to make any decision on this case. Democracy decided for us.

After six years of practical experience it is now apparent that none of the fears and alarms of the original opposition to zoning have come to pass. And we have scored some real gains. Zoning has put an end to small-lot developments. It has stopped a factory from being built in the wrong place. It has steered several shops and enterprises away from residential zones into business zones. New houses are set back from the road and from property lines, thus maintaining the residential character of the town, while reducing back-yard misunderstandings. It has kept signboards few and small;

the visitor does not have to look at our town through a barricade of ads for motels, beer and cigarettes. He can really see how nice it is.

Finally, its performance has converted most of the opposition—excepting, perhaps, that hard core, found in every community, that is temperamentally "agin' the government." And I think the town is more aware now of its problems, and prouder of itself than it used to be.

Along with the gains, many problems are still to be solved. Zoning gives power to board members, and power is a heady drug. For a time there was a struggle between "hard" zoners, who wanted to get tough, and "soft" zoners, who disliked pushing citizens around. The latter policy largely prevailed, but the former is always tempting.

Zoning in our town can do nothing about any state highway, which goes slam-bang where it listeth, ruining an area here, possibly improving it there. Better coöperation between town and state is badly needed—which means some kind of regional planning.

Finally, it is clear that zoning has been primarily a protective operation. It has kept the town from growing worse, but has done little to make it better.

So now we have voted to install a local Planning Commission. We know that our town will be different ten years hence, and we want it to be an even better place to live. Where should the new subdivisions, factories and schools be located? What about more playgrounds, a swimming pool, a new town hall? Where should the shopping center go? How about a helicopter landing field? With town planning we hope to control the forces of growth by democratic means, and preserve the reasonable and comfortable use of our land.

Our forefathers planned a settlement around the village green. Our town, together with all America, is entering a new age of pioneering, based largely on the internal-combustion engine. Zoning and town planning are signs that America is growing up. We no longer have unlimited land to play with. It is time to stake out the village green anew—with plenty of room for off-street parking.

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Equipment & Repairs	614.46	
Miscellaneous	129.25	
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Police Department—Special		
Raytheon		3,940.00
Dog Track		16,347.00
Rehoboth Fair		1,033.50
Dog Officer		
Salary	50.00	
Fees	615.00	
	<hr/>	665.00
1967 Police Cruiser		
Police Cruiser	2,845.00	
Repairs	19.15	
	<hr/>	2,864.15
Hydrant Rental		1,050.00
1967 Ambulance		9,950.00
Town Insurance		
Vehicles	2,375.22	
Registrations	27.00	
Accident—Fire & Police	650.50	
Bonds	569.00	
Workmens Comp.	3,664.00	
Theft & Fire	3,660.38	
Robbery	215.50	
Boiler & Machinery	240.24	
1967 Pick Up	75.97	
Miscellaneous	117.89	
	<hr/>	11,595.70
Veterans Benefits		
Agent's Salary	699.96	
Cash	10,760.97	
Medical	7,129.04	
Fuel	17.89	
Groceries	328.54	
Miscellaneous	41.20	
	<hr/>	18,977.60

SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES**Schools**

Admin. Salaries	5,089.89	
General Salary	4,913.32	
General Expenses	5,028.74	
Teachers	218,979.80	
Books, Supplies	19,160.22	
Tuition	694.59	
Transportation	25,249.73	
Janitors Salary	18,499.28	
Supplies	1,904.28	
Building Supplies	25.68	
Electric, Gas, Water	3,594.54	
Fuel	5,171.80	
Telephone	914.29	
Repairs & Equipment	2,724.78	
Health	2,625.21	
Household Arts	1,545.52	
Industrial Arts	199.53	
Truant Officer	40.00	
School Vehicle	217.59	
Miscellaneous	260.64	
	<hr/>	316,839.43

Cafeteria

Salary	14,499.03	
Food	19,480.76	
Laundry	174.87	
Pest Control	44.00	
Miscellaneous	202.66	
	<hr/>	34,401.32

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District 238,756.92

Public Library

Librarians Salary	2,610.00
Custodian	180.00
Books	1,590.90
Electric, Water, Fuel	302.10
Telephone	85.33

Librarians Asst.	100.00	
Repairs	90.00	
Supplies	220.58	
Subscriptions	3.00	
Miscellaneous	101.30	
	<hr/>	5,283.21

RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED

Playground & Recreation

Supervisors	448.00	
Janitors	155.00	
Care of Grounds	732.00	
Equip. Repairs	550.93	
Miscellaneous	108.02	
Kiddies Day		
Miscellaneous	98.45	
Prizes	28.31	
Refreshments	430.11	
Entertainment	223.00	
	<hr/>	2,773.82

Memorial Day Observance	200.00
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Christmas Fund	500.00
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Tax Title Foreclosure Acct.	804.31
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Commemorative Fund	10.00
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Conservation Fund	15.00
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Dighton-Berkley Bridge

Salary	897.51	
Power	16.80	
Repairs	76.72	
	<hr/>	991.03

Sidewalk Maintenance

Wages	690.12	
Material	254.10	
Equipment	30.50	
	<hr/>	974.72

Shade Tree Account 408.27

Brush Control 503.55

Road Machinery Acct. 4,446.90

Gasoline Account 3,783.87

Chestnut St.—Chapter 822 1,658.78

Cemeteries—Public Property 378.00

Chapter 81

Labor	5,827.13	
Material	4,354.45	
Equipment	11,493.42	
	<hr/>	21,675.00

Chapter 90—Construction—Main St.

Labor	1,933.13	
Material	1,491.11	
Equipment	575.75	
	<hr/>	3,999.99

Chapter 90—Maintenance

Labor	1,592.12	
Material	2,092.38	
Equipment	1,415.50	
	<hr/>	5,100.00

Care of Town Elms 1,356.75

PUBLIC WELFARE**Public Assistance Admin.**

Admin. Salaries	1,000.00	
Director's Salary	7,532.19	
Jr. Clerk	1,457.75	
Supplies, Postage	201.49	
Telephone	376.34	
Mileage	200.00	
Dues, Luncheons, Meetings	63.95	
	<hr/>	10,831.72

Aid to Families With Dependent Children

Cash	12,187.63	
Medical	5,320.64	
	<hr/>	17,508.27

Disability Assistance

Cash	3,459.11	
Medical	4,815.32	
	<hr/>	8,274.43

Medical Assistance

Cash	70.80	
Medical	10,615.95	
	<hr/>	10,686.75

Old Age Assistance

Cash	17,616.74	
Medical	16,818.69	
	<hr/>	34,435.43

General Relief—Welfare

Cash	2,595.10	
Medical	719.75	
Groceries, Clothing, Rent	1,132.75	
	<hr/>	4,447.60

Veterans Building Maintenance	600.00
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Estimated Receipts	14.00
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Civic Center Maintenance	499.17
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Sale of Real Estate	1,774.98
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TAXES & ASSESSMENTS

State Recreation Areas	4,877.29
Auditing Municipal Accounts	159.14
Bristol County Mosquito Control	2,708.03
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	415.50
Mosquito Control	250.00
Bristol County Hospital District	5,687.04
Bristol County Retirement Association	9,187.50
County Tax	31,369.63
Agency Accounts	
County Retirement	5,978.82
Federal Taxes	50,763.32
State Taxes	6,566.14
Teachers Retirement	11,315.33
Washington National Ins.	912.56
Sale of Dogs	96.00
Dog Licenses	1,148.75
Tax Sheltered Annuity	1,030.00

TRUST FUNDS

Charles S. Chase	30.00
Cemeteries—Perpetual Care	528.00

REFUNDS

1966 Motor Excise	1,192.03
1967 Motor Excise	2,638.09
1967 Real Estate	1004.75

PRINCIPAL & INTEREST PAYMENTS ON SCHOOL BONDS

Elementary School Bonds	20,000.00
Interest on Elem. School Bonds	2,200.00
Tax Anticipation Loan	200,000.00
Interest on Revenue Loan	1,820.39
Stabilization Fund	89,400.00
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Total Expenditures	1,391,330.35
Transfers Within Accounts	3,754.43
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Total Cash Expenditures	1,387,575.92
Cash Balance December 31, 1967	268,411.78
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	\$1,655,987.70

ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT 1967

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	Balance 1/1/67	Appropriations & Receipts	Additional Appropriations & Transfers	Total	Expended	Transfers	Balance 12/31/67
Selectmen	\$4,150.00		\$279.24		\$4,429.24		—
Accountant	4,410.00		22.53		4,362.53		\$70.00
Treasurer	2,760.00		7.05		2,255.59		504.41
Tax Title Foreclosure	900.00				804.31		102.74
Tax Possession	100.00						100.00
Collector	3,650.00				3,217.40		432.60
Assessors	5,000.00				4,131.91		868.09
Finance Committee	15.00						15.00
Town Clerk	2,365.00				1,947.24	\$7.00	410.76
Election & Registration	1,975.00				1,514.08		460.92
Planning Board	883.04				727.51		155.53
Comprehensive Plan Study	6,000.00				150.00		5,850.00
Board of Appeals	50.00				25.14		24.86
Town Office	11,166.00		2,000.00		12,287.79		878.21
Conservation Commission	200.00				15.00		185.00
Industrial Commission	100.00						100.00
Police Dept.	17,670.00				14,461.55	857.92	2,350.53
Police Cruiser Acct.	3,000.00				2,864.15		135.85
Town Ambulance	900.00				676.96	99.20	123.84
1967 Ambulance	10,000.00				9,950.00		50.00
Fire Dept.	14,202.31				11,576.42	208.75	2,417.14
Hydrant Rental	1,740.00				1,050.00		690.00
No. Dighton Fire Station	10,000.00				20,000.00		—
Insect Pest Control		\$10,000.00					542.01

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	Balance 1/1/67	Appropriations & Receipts	Additional Appropriations & Transfers	Total	Expended	Transfers	Balance 12/31/67
Shade Tree		500.00			408.27		91.73
Care of Town Elms		2,000.00			1,356.75		643.25
Town Forest		750.00					750.00
Civilian Defense		1,245.00	100.32		680.76		664.56
Dog Officer		700.00			665.00		35.00
Electrical Insp.		300.00	136.00		436.00		—
Board of Health		5,035.00			3,652.14		1,382.86
Care of Town Dumps		2,584.00	128.65		2,670.65		42.00
So. Dighton Dump		4,000.00					4,000.00
Mosquito Control		250.00			250.00		—
Street Dept.		38,500.00	1,862.00		36,160.88	365.47	3,835.65
Road Machinery Acct.		5,000.00			2,417.44	2,029.46	553.10
Chapter 81		21,675.00			21,675.00		—
Chepter 90 Constr.		1,000.00			3,999.99		(2,999.99)
Chapter 90—Maint.		5,100.00			5,100.00		—
Chapter 90—Constr.	12,000.00	5,000.00					17,000.00
Chapter 822—Chestnut St.	8,884.34				1,658.78		7,225.56
Chepter 679—Chestnut St.	8,884.34	4,442.17					13,326.51
Highway Garage Addition	14,000.00						14,000.00
Land Damages—Chestnut & Wms.		5,000.00			227.20		4,772.80
Brush Control		600.00			503.55		96.45
Sidewalk Maintenance		1,000.00			974.72		25.28
Dighton-Berkley Bridge		1,000.00			991.03		8.97
Public Assist. Adm.		5,000.00			4,973.70		26.30
Public Assist.		52,000.00			46,634.15		5,365.85
Christmas Fund—Dog Track			500.00		500.00		—

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STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS DECEMBER 31, 1967

	Outstanding 1/16/7	Rate of Interest	Year of Liquidation	Paid Out 1967	Outstanding 12/31/67	Amount Due 1968
Elementary School Building						
General Debt within statutory debt limit	\$ 30,000.00	\$2.20	1971	\$ 6,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
General Debt outside statutory debt limit	70,000.00	2.20	1971	14,000.00	56,000.00	14,000.00
	\$100,000.00			\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$20,000.00

ANALYSIS OF EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY SURPLUS REVENUE

Balance January 1, 1967	\$107,614.06
Amounts added during 1967	16,698.29
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	\$124,312.35
Amounts deducted during 1967	66,430.84
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	\$57,881.51
1967 Revenue	54,631.59
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December 31, 1967 Balance	\$112,513.10

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of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

of the Town of

DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1967

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Richard F. Simmons, Chairman 214 Lincoln Avenue, North Dighton	1970
Mrs. Muriel Carey, Secretary School Street, North Dighton	1969
Melvin L. Angus 2257 Winthrop Street, Dighton	1968
Antone Compos Elm Street, Dighton	1968
Lawrence D. Dutra Somerset Avenue, Dighton	1968
Charles E. McKenna 2136 Pleasant Street, Dighton	1969
Spencer D. Oehrle Center Street, Segreganset	1970

SUPERINTENDENT

Robert T. Roy, B.S., Ed.M.

Residence: 313 Forest Street, North Dighton

Office: Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, Rehoboth

Telephone: (Office) 252-4500

(Home) 822-7323

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. and by
appointment.

BUSINESS ASSISTANT

James P. Horton

SECRETARIES

Gladys P. Babbitt

Nancy J. Goulart

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Charles M. Souza, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Carolyn M. Booth, R.N.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

Birth Certificates

Presentation of a birth certificate is required for entrance to the first grade.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a certificate of vaccination or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Elementary and Junior High Schools

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary school the notice will be broadcast over Radio Station WPEP, Taunton and over Radio Station WSAR, Fall River, also WPRO, Providence, and WARA, Attleboro.

High School

Whenever the school buses can be safely operated there will be school at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the event of closing the information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for the elementary school.

TRANSPORTATION

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

As approved by School Committee

1967 - 1968

DIGHTON

Dighton Elementary and Junior High School

School opens September 6, 1967

Closes December 22, 1967 74 days

School opens January 2, 1968

Closes February 16, 1968 34 days

School opens February 26, 1968

Closes April 11, 1968 34 days

School opens April 22, 1968

Closes June , 1968 38 days

Total 180 days

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

October 12, 1967—Columbus Day

November 1, 1967—Teachers' Convention

November 23 and 24, 1967—Thanksgiving Recess

April 12, 1968—Good Friday

May 30 and 31, 1968—Memorial Day

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation	\$317,130.00
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Expenditures

General Control	\$ 14,466.26
Transportation	24,967.55
Teachers' Salaries	227,691.65
Books	5,393.87
Supplies	3,885.28
Janitors' Salaries	18,167.64
Fuel	5,100.60
Electricity	3,644.63
Gas	433.25
Boiler Repairs	84.10
Music	523.31
Janitors' Supplies	2,037.29
Miscellaneous	1,455.71
Repairs	2,033.51
Health	3,170.63
New Equipment	3,078.77
Household Arts	207.62
Industrial Arts	197.02
Tuition—Day and Evening	591.17
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	\$317,129.86
Returned to Town	.14
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	\$317.130.00

NET COST TO TOWN

Expenditures, 1967	\$317,129.86
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Receipts: 1967

General State Aid, Chapter 70	\$53,717.39
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Transportation	18,992.00
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Special Education, Chapters 69 & 71	5,311.00
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State Wards:

Tuition and Transportation	4,477.46
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Vocational Education	73.13
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Miscellaneous Receipts	9.65
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Net Cost to Town	<hr/>	\$234,549.09
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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I herewith submit my thirteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Dighton. Incorporated herein is the report of the Principals, the Music Supervisors and the School Nurse.

Personnel

There were two changes in administrative personnel this year. Mr. Edward Aleixo who had been principal of Dighton Junior High School for the past seven years accepted a position as principal of Taunton High School. Mr. Aleixo was a fine principal and he will be missed.

Mr. Leo T. Wontkowski was elected principal of the Junior High School. He was formerly head of the mathematics department at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School. He had also taught grade six at Dighton Elementary School. He has a good background in education and should be able to recommend curriculum changes as needed.

Mr. James Horton was elected business assistant to the superintendent in the three towns and the regional district. He will supervise maintenance and repairs, schedule busses, order supplies and prepare applications for Federal programs.

Mrs. Doris Ferreira, a first grade teacher for seventeen years in Dighton, retired in June. She was an excellent first grade teacher and while we shall miss her, we wish her a long and happy retirement. Miss Judith Higgins, a graduate of Rhode Island College, was hired to teach first grade.

Four members of the Junior High School faculty left in June. Miss Kathleen McCarty and Mr. William Donlon left to teach elsewhere, Mr. Paul Johnson returned to school to study, and Mr. Kenneth Schindelwig entered the insurance business.

Miss Bernice Mader, a graduate of State College at Bridgewater, was hired to teach social studies and Latin. Mr. Robert

Durfee is a new mathematics teacher and he is a graduate of S. M. T. I. Mr. Sturley Nitterauer, a graduate of Norwich University, is teaching social studies and Mr. Raymond Medeiros of Providence College is teaching English and reading.

Mr. Peter DiCarlo has replaced Miss Carmela Mercuri as vocal music teacher at the Junior High School.

In Memoriam:

We suffered two great losses by death of personnel at the Dighton Elementary School this past year.

In May, Mr. Frank Rogers, who had been a custodian for seven years passed away. He was the type of custodian who served as an advisor and friend to the many pupils as well as doing an excellent job at his custodial duties. He had been interested in the Dighton Schools for a long time and had been a member of the School Committee prior to his appointment as a custodian. We shall remember Frank Rogers forever as a friend and a fine fellow worker.

In November death claimed Mrs. Margaret Harrington, a teacher in the Dighton Schools for twenty-one years. As a second grade teacher she played a very great role in getting many pupils started on their way to success. She was a loyal member of the Teachers' Association and worked in the development of school policies that helped the Dighton educational system.

Mrs. Harrington was a devoted friend, teacher and supporter of the Dighton School. Her passing has left a deep void in our faculty.

School Plant

The School Needs Committee reported in November that we are in need of more buildings. We expect that a School Building Planning Committee will be appointed soon. Our physical plants are filled to capacity and with enrollments in each classroom averaging around 34 pupils per grade, there isn't room for many more pupils.

We are planning to renovate the science laboratory at the Junior High School. We also plan to convert the large study hall into two classrooms and provide a second exit to the former nurse's room so that it can be used as a small classroom. This will allow for a little more flexibility in the program.

At the Junior High School repairs will be made to the heating system in an effort to balance the temperature in the building.

The usual painting and minor repairs will be completed at each school during the summer.

Enrollment

Our enrollment shows an increase of twenty-two pupils over last year. While this is not great, it is our usual increase over the last few years. The time is approaching when we will not be able to absorb this increase without further rooms. This enrollment is somewhat less than was anticipated by the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission. They had predicted an enrollment of around eight hundred in grades 1 - 8 this year.

Budget

The budget shows an increase of \$63,000 this year. The major portion of this increase is due to increased salaries. As I stated in my report last year, we were able to settle our teachers' contract with approximately the lowest schedule in Bristol County. This year the State Legislature has raised the minimum salary to \$5750.00 and all towns are working out new contracts with teachers. To become competitive at all, we must raise our salary item by \$40,000.00. This represents about two thirds of the total increase. Expenses of the School Committee and an increase in secretarial help have raised the cost of administration by \$6,000.00. Other increases are maintenance of buildings and new equipment \$5,300.00 and under operations, the cafeteria manager's salary of \$2,900.00 is being absorbed.

The School Committee is also proposing a five week summer kindergarten program for incoming first graders. The estimated cost of this is \$3,750.00.

We expect to receive an increased amount of state aid as our entitlement has increased according to the report from the State Department of Education. The State Legislature has also returned the 15% additional reimbursement for being in a regional district. This was taken away at the time of the sales tax. While it would seem that increased state aid would offset budget increases, it is impossible to tell how much actual aid will be received until the end of the year. Our aid now depends for the most part on the actual sales tax receipts.

Conclusion

I wish to thank Dr. Rose Borges and Mr. Leo Wontkowski for their cooperation during the past year. These people are very much interested in your children and their school program.

The custodians, Mr. Antone Costa, Mr. Manuel Sanson, Mr. John White and Mr. George Perry have again performed in the usual capable manner in keeping our schools in the best condition possible.

I wish to express my appreciation to Mrs. Carolyn Booth for her work as school nurse and to Mrs. Alfrena Bettencourt for her efforts in maintaining a fine lunch program.

We are facing many changes in today's world in general, and in education in particular. I hope that parents will continue to maintain their interest in our schools and show interest in our programs and problems. It will be this type of working together that will produce an up to date school system for Dighton.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. ROY,

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

I hereby submit my first report as Principal of Dighton Junior High School.

Enrollment:

Our present enrollment is 270 students. This is an increase of 14 students over the enrollment figure stated in the last report.

Curriculum:

The academic program is substantially the same as the one offered during the past school year. A minor change involves the spelling program. The responsibility for the latter is now assigned to reading teachers. In the past, home room teachers carried out the task.

Personnel:

Our staff consists of 9 full time and 6 part-time teachers. Of the former, four are new additions to the faculty: Miss Bernce Mader, Mr. Robert C. Durfee, Mr. Raymond G. Medeiros, Mr. Sturley B. Nitterauer. New Part-time teachers include Mrs .Susan L. Sobel, Art and Mr. Peter J. DiCarlo, Music.

Guidance:

Last year's guidance program with a part-time counsellor from the High School is now inoperative.

Extra Curriculum Activity:

The time allotment for lunch has been increased 10 minutes. This permits us to use this time of day for activities which were previously conducted after-school v.g. band, chorus, drama. This also allows all students to participate in the intra-

mural program. Two afternoons week are specifically set aside for this purpose.

Conclusion:

My gratitude to Mr. Roy for his encouragement and support. I would like to thank the faculty for their cooperation and, similarly, the custodial staff for their work on the school plant. My appreciation to Mrs. Doris Lannon whose many talents and tireless efforts have contributed so much to the operation of the school.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO T. WONTKOWSKI,

Principal

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

I herewith respectfully submit my eighth annual report as Supervising Principal of the Dighton Elementary School.

Enrollment:

Our enrollment as of October first was 508 an increase of 22 over last years enrollment. We have 3 classes at each grade level plus a Year Two Class and Special Class.

Curriculum:

Educational revolution is being felt in all schools throughout our country. This revolution is going to bring into focus many changes in the operation of our schools. The improvement of curriculum or instruction is our goal. In the not too distant future new media such as computers, teaching machines, overhead projectors, audio and video tape recorders, record plays, films, televisions etc. will be part of classroom instruction.

The completely self-contained classroom is nearly extinct—specialists in art, music, physical education and languages are part of a regular class program. Innovative practices are being introduced at every grade level namely:—the nongraded class, team teaching, programmed instruction, individualized teaching and others too numerous to mention. Teacher aides are being used in many schools to assist teachers with non teaching duties to allow teachers more time to teach.

Research has definitely proved that some children who fail in Grade I have visual-motor-perceptual problems that are not recognizable to an untrained person. Although many of these children will pass the currently used vision screening for visual acuity or sharpness of sight, they have not developed

the visual-motor-perceptual skills to get meaning from what they see. We have however been able to pick up some of these cases thru referrals from the school to an optometrist specializing in visual-motor-perceptual development problems. It is hoped that soon preschool vision examinations will be given to all children to detect problems which can be corrected by perceptual exercises. This is a step in the right direction. The following programs will be continued:

1. Modern math in all grades
2. Homogenously grouping in math and reading Grades 4 & 5
3. Physical Education—Miss Kaaren Harrington
Girls—Grades 4 & 5
Entire Class—Grades 1 - 2 & Year II Class
Physical Education—Mr. John Masciarelli
Boys—Grades 4 & 5
Entire Class—Grade 3
4. Art—Mrs. Dolores Johnson—All Fourth Grades
5. Year II Class—Progress at students rate
6. Individualized programs for students with specific problems

Guidance Program:

1. Guidance Services
 - a. Individualized counseling
 - b. Pupil-Teacher conferences
 - c. Parent-Teacher conferences
 - d. Identifying students with perceptual problems
2. Achievement Tests—Grades 1 - V
3. Intelligence Tests—Grades I - III - V
4. Keeping student permanent records

Speech and Hearing Clinic:

The speech and hearing programs continues to be administered by Mr. Peter B. Denison, M.A. An eight week program

of speech improvement and reading readiness which had been carried in all the first grade classrooms last year was expanded this year to include the Year II Class and the Special Class. He has a case load of 36 children. Most children are seen once a week but those with severe problems receive additional help.

Cafeteria:

Under the National School Lunch Program a wholesome appetizing lunch is provided for the students of the Dighton Elementary School and the students of the Dighton Junior High School by Mrs. Alfrena Bettencourt, cafeteria manager and her capable staff.

Maintenance:

The school plant is kept in excellent condition due to the fine custodial work of our head custodian, Mr. Antone Costa and Mr. George Perry. Mr. Perry replaced Mr. Frank Rogers who passed away suddenly after years of faithful service to our town as a member of the Dighton School Committee and as a fine custodian in our school.

Extra Curricula Activities:

1. American Education Week—Open House and Tea
2. Parent-Teacher Conferences—Evening Session
3. National School Lunch Week
4. Visited Museum of Science in Boston—Grade 4
5. School Band—Grades 4 & 5
6. Library Project—under E.S.E.A. Title II
7. Room Mothers—School Social Activities
8. Choir—Students Grade 5
9. Annual Spring Festival—"A Musical Journey"
10. Attended Book Fair in Boston—Grade 5
11. Annual Christmas Program—"Christmas Greetings"
12. Teacher-Parent Conferences—Day Session—2 half days in January

Appreciation:

I wish to thank Mr. Robert T. Roy, Superintendent of Schools for the cooperation and assistance extended to me during the past year. I am also apprecative of the support given me by the Dighton School Committee, the Elementary School Faculty, all building personnel, pupils, parents and friends who have generously contributed of their time and talents to the success of our educational system.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. ROSE BORGES,
Supervising Principal

ELEMENTARY VOCAL MUSIC REPORT

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Roy:

I herewith submit my annual report as Elementary Vocal Music Supervisor.

Weekly visits are made to grades one through five in the elementary school. A varied program of musical activities is being carried on in the classroom with the cooperation and assistance of the classroom teachers. Newly purchased recordings, rhythm instruments, and second grade music texts have helped to enrich our program.

Approximately 75 fifth grade students participate in weekly rehearsals of the elementary school choir. This young, enthusiastic choral group recently participated in the annual Christmas program on December 8th. The choir also sang in the annual spring program held on May 12th. In June the choir visited the Palmer River School in Rehoboth where they presented a program for the students of that school. The trip included a picnic lunch and outing at Capron Park in Attleboro.

It is with enthusiasm that I look forward to another productive year in the vocal music area of the Dighton Elementary School's curriculum.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA L. WALLACE,
Elementary Vocal Music Supervisor

REPORT OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Roy:

Reviewing the year 1967, it seems to me that we have made a good deal of progress, in as much as our potential for growth has easily doubled.

The addition of Mr. Peter DiCarlo to the Music Staff, has alleviated the personnel shortage that we experienced this last school year. Mr. DiCarlo is at present teaching brass in grades four through eight, and General Music in grades six, seven, and eight.

As of November 20, we have duplicated the percentage achieved during the last school year, that is, 20% of all students in grades six, seven, and eight have played a musical instrument for one year or longer.

These figures are for the most part higher than other schools in the State, irregardless of size, and are indicative of a strong student and parental interest in our music program.

I have continued this year, as in past years our program of purchasing new instruments and equipment, while at the same time maintaining our older equipment, so that we may receive maximum return for monies spent.

Mrs. Barbara Wallace, Vocal Supervisor for grades one through five, has worked closely with other department members, and through this series of meetings has evolved a most usable course of study in music for the elementary grades. As in past years, she is doing her usual superior teaching job.

The deficiencies in our programs may be attributed to the following:

- I The need for additional equipment, to supplement our vocal program, i.e. recordings, record players, film strips, and other enrichment materials.

- II An acute need for physical space, for rehearsals and small group teaching at both of our schools.
- III A severe lack of usable storage space at the Elementary School.
- IV A more flexible schedule, both for group lessons, and for rehearsals at the Elementary School.

When the above mentioned problems are corrected, we will have in the Town of Dighton a potentially superior music program.

I look forward to this year, in my new position as Director of Music for School Union #37, as one in which all music instructors will work together as a team toward one common goal: educating our children.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. WATSON,
Director of Music
School Union #37

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Roy:

I hereby submit my 1966-67 report as School Nurse for the Dighton Elementary and Junior High Schools.

Visual Tests:

763 Students in both schools were tested by Titmus Optical Tester. 49 Students failed this test and were referred to eye specialists. 47 referrals were completed.

Audio Tests:

763 Students in both schools were tested by Maico Audiometer. 21 Students failed this test and all 21 were treated by an ear specialist.

I would like to extend my thanks to the parents of these children for making this testing program a complete success. It is most gratifying to know that almost every student I failed has been completely treated.

Physical Examinations:

Grades I, IV and Spec. Ed.

205 Children were given physical examinations by Dr. Charles Souza, School Physician. 55 Students were referred to their family physician for further evaluation. 24 of these referrals were completed.

Grade VII

Physical Examinations were given to 91 students. 15 referral slips were sent home and 9 referrals were completed.

Elementary School

There were approximately 1001 visits to the Health Room. 2 Students were taken to their own doctors office for immediate treatment, 3 students were transported to the Emergency Room at Morton Hospital, and 64 students were dismissed to their home due to illness. The remainder were cared for in the Health Room and returned to class.

Junior High School

48 Calls were answered. Ten of these students were dismissed to their homes in care of a parent, four were sent to their family physician and four were transported to the Emergency Room at Morton Hospital. The rest were treated at school and returned to class.

Immunization:

Clinics were held at Dighton Elementary School in November 1966 and March, April and May of 1967. On November 18, 1966—79 school children received Measles Vaccine. Booster injections of diphtheria and tetanus toxoid were given to 97 students in Grades 1 and VI. Booster injections of adult diphtheria and tetanus toxoid were given to 45 students in Grade XI. All injections were given by Dr. Souza.

Again may I express my appreciation to you Mr. Roy, Dr. Souza, the school principals, and the entire personnel of both schools for the cooperation I always receive in carrying out the health program. To the parents of these children, I am most grateful. The complete cooperation on their part, is what makes our school health program successful.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLYN M. BOOTH, R.N.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

June 15, 1967

PROGRAM

OVERTURE—"Holiday in Rome" A. P. Piato

PROCESSIONAL—"March for the Prince of Wales" Joseph Haydn

OPENING PRAYER Donald Duffy

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

GREETINGS Class President Peter Lannon

SELECTION—"Sunrise Sunset" Bock & Harnick

ESSAYS—

"On Becoming a Young Adult" Sharon Mellon

"Coping with Future Prosperity" Gregory Smith

"Past, Present and Future" Donna Perry

"A Debt to Pay" Karen Castonguay

SELECTION—CLASS SONG—Original Composition

Priscilla Shaw

ESSAYS—

"Graduation" Michael Rhines

"The Growth of an Individual" Carolyn Hathaway

"Perplex or Projection" Philip Leddy

"The Coming Generation" Deborah Perry

INTRODUCTION of School Committee Members by

Mr. Robert T. Roy

Superintendent of Schools

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Mr. Charles McKenna

Dighton School Committee

SELECTION—"I Like It Here"

Boland

CLOSING PRAYER

Michael Hill

RECESSIONAL—"March Lamar"

Clifton Williams

CLASS OFFICERS

President Peter Lannon

Vice-President Priscilla Shaw

Secretary Susan Corey

Treasurer Phillip G. Smith

Mr. Robert T. Roy, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Edward F. Alexio, Principal Junior High School
Mr. David L. Watson, Instrumental Music Supervisor
Miss Carmela Mecuri, Vocal Music Supervisor
Mrs. Eunisa G. Wordell, Graduation Chairman
Mr. Kenneth Schindlewig, Graduation Committee
Mr. John Farmer, Graduation Committee

GRADUATES

Gail Antunes	Michael D. Hill
Katherine Gail Atwood	Joanne Ileen Hollick
Bonnie Beth Barrow	Timothy W. Holmes
Kenneth G. Barrow, Jr.	Susan Baker Hopkins
Brenda Christie Bell	*Victor L. Huntington
Edward A. Blackburn, II	**Peter Barry Lannon
Cynthia W. Boisvert	Philip Francis Leddy
Robert W. Boisvert	Susan Jane Lemieux
Carolyn Booth	Valerie Ann Lopes
Karen A. Castonguay	William J. Maguire, Jr.
Francisco Cimino	Patricia Mary McKenna
Thomas Arthur Colp	Mary E. McQuade
**Susan Marie Corey	Sharen Mellen
Nadine Mary Corr	Robert Michael Murphy
Deborah Costa	Barbara M. Oehrle
Katheryn Mary Costa	Deborah Ann Perry
Sharon Marie Costa	*Donna Marie Perry
*Donald Francis Duffy	Eric William Perry
Steven Dumenigo	Wayne Alan Perry
Everett Dupont, Jr.	Richard Harold Peterson
Susan A. Dwyer	John Paul Poissant
Raymond Paul Ferreira	Robert Alden Poole
Bonnie Ferrie	Gwen Ransley
Colleen L. Fleck	Michael David Rhines
Neil K. Fleck	Michael J. Ribeiro
Gail Marie Furtado	Deborah Riley
Thomas M. Gray	Rene J. Rivard
*Carol Hope Hamilton	Christine Roberts
Michael John Harwood	Frederick Robinson
**Carolyn Rose Hathaway	Diane Jean Romano
Allison Ingrid Hayward	Donald H. Romano
Marianne Heagney	David John Rose

David Wayne Rose
Edward B. Rose
Edward Joseph Santos
Paul D. Santos
*Priscilla Shaw
Roger F. Silva
David Alan Silvia
*Phillip Gregory Smith
Jeffrey Solcmon

Carl Richard Staples
Alan Wayne Torres
Donna M. Torres
John David Vieira
Keith Ernest Waller
**Joyce Ward
Beverly Lorraine White
Cathy Louise Williams
Deborah Ann Woodward

**High Honors

*Honors

ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1967

DIGHTON SCHOOLS

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	Spec. Class	Total
Dr. Rose Borges, Principal							
Teachers:							
Dorothy B. Bagley	29						29
Jessie Bradley	30						30
Judith S. Higgins	29						29
Mary M. DeMello		32					32
Ida J. Read		33					33
Carolyn Melesky		33					33
Rebecca Webster		19					19
Nancy L. Durfee			34				34
Mary G. Fleming			34				34
Helen M. Simmons			33				33
Helena Chamberlain				31			31
Dolores C. Johnson				31			31
Joan LaFrance				32			32
Stella M. Horrocks					33		33
Michael Larivee					32		32
Helen C. Turner					32		32
Robert E. Coulsey						11	11
Total Elementary School	88	117	101	94	97	11	508

DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Grade	6	7	8	Total
Leo T. Wontkowski, Principal				
Teachers:				
Frederick T. Friedberg	31			31
Bernice C. Mader	30			30
John S. Needs	31			31
Jacqueline Cuniff		28		28
Robert C. Durfee		30		30
Sturley B. Nitteraurer		30		30
John G. Farmer, Jr.			24	24
Raymond G. Medeiros			33	33
Eunisa Wordell			32	32
Total Junior High School	92	88	89	269

AGE—GRADE ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1967

	AGE												Total
Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total
1	28	60											88
2	1	25	86	5									117
3			16	73	11	1							101
4				13	64	16	1						94
5					12	74	11						97
6						14	65	10	2	1			92
7							21	61	4	2			88
8								10	66	12	1		89
Opportunity Class			1	5	4	1							11
													777

DIGHTON SCHOOLS FACULTY--DECEMBER 31, 1967

Dighton Elementary School

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Principal			
Dr. Rose E. Borges	2520 Pleasant St., Dighton	Calvin Coolidge College	1927
Faculty			
Dorothy B. Bagley	8 Allen Lane, Somerset	Perry Kindergarten Normal	1948
Jessie H. Bradley, M.Ed.	Berkley St., Berkley	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1954
Helena Chamberlain	1075 Middle St., No. Dighton	Framingham Normal	1961
Robert E. Coulsey, B.A.	1384 Williams St., No. Dighton	Barrington College	1966
Lena A. Cowell, B.S., M.Ed.	198 Bourn Ave., Somerset	Calvin Coolidge College	1921
Mary M. DeMello, B.S.E.	1928 County St., Dighton	Lowell State Teachers' College	1964
Nancy L. Durfee, B.S.	224 So. Walker St., Taunton	Murray State College	1962
Mary G. Fleming	1503 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1960
Judith S. Higgins, B.S.Ed.	41 Doris Ave., Tiverton, R.I.	Rhode Island College	1967
Stella M. Horrocks, B.S.E.	1159 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Bridgewater State College	1964
Dolores C. Johnson, A.B.	Mill Street, Assonet	Salve Regina College	1965
Joan LaFrance, B.S.Ed.	488 Spring St., No. Dighton	Bridgewater State College	1963
Michael Larivee, B.A.	17 Bass River Rd., Beverly	Calvin Coolidge College	1964
Carolyn Melesky, B.S.Ed.	Box 180, East Taunton	Bridgewater State College	1966
Helen M. Simmons, B.S.Ed.	Box 1165, Dennisport	Framingham Normal School	1946
Helen C. Turner	538 School St., No. Dighton	Framingham Normal School	1946
Rebecca B. Webster, B.S.	1524 Wellington St., No. Dighton	Bridgewater State College	1964

Dighton Junior High School

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Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Principal			
Leo T. Wontkowski, M.Ed.	992 West St., Attleboro	Bridgewater State College	1967
Faculty			
Jacqueline Cunniff, B.S.Ed.	510 Berkley St., Berkley	Bridgewater State College	1965
Robert C. Durfee, B.S.	362 Rock St., Fall River	S. M. T. I.	1967
John C. Farmer, Jr., A.B.	87 Everett St., Middleboro	Bridgewater State College	1965
Frederick T. Friedberg, B.S.	346 Maple St., New Bedford	New Bedford Inst. of Technology	1964
Bernice C. Mader, B.A.	116 Water St., Quincy	Bridgewater State College	1967
Raymond G. Medeiros, A.B.	37 Shores St., Taunton	Providence College	1967
John S. Needs, B.A.	7 South St., Taunton	University of Massachusetts	1961
Sturley B. Nitterauer, B.A.	116 Tee Jay Dr., Seekonk	Norwich University	1967
Eunisa Wordell, B.S.	1458 Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Boston University	1963
Elementary Supervisor			
Dorothy L. Beckwith, B.S., M.Ed.	Broad St., Rehoboth	Boston University	1962
Elementary Music Supervisors			
Vocal			
Barbara L. Wallace	Elm St., R.D. #1, Taunton	Boston University	1966
Instrumental			
David L. Watson, B.M.	P.O. Box #23, Segreganset	Boston University	1963
Junior High Music Supervisor			
Peter DiCarlo	22 Arnold Rd., Stoneham	Berklee School of Music	1967

Part Time Instructors

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Peter B. Denison, M.A.	356 Kaufman Rd., Somerset	Northwestern University	1961
Catherine M. Donle	1374 Pine St., No. Dighton		
Kaaren E. Harrington, B.E.	Box 125, Halifax	Rhode Island College	1965
John Masciarelli, B.A.	372 Main St., Dighton	Boston University	1965
Wallace R. Potts	32 Herod St., Cranston, R.I.	Rhode Island College	1966
Susan L. Sobel, M.L.S.	Shore Rd., Berkley	Pratt Institute	1967

Elementary Secretary

Hannah E. Lassen

2168 Pleasant St., Dighton

Junior High Secretary

Doris A. Lannon

237 Forest St., No. Dighton

Cafeteria Personnel

Alfrena Bettencourt, Mgr.
 Grace E. French, Assistant
 Louise G. Gomes, Assistant
 Fannie C. Lima, Assistant
 Thelma Pierce, Assistant

636 School St., No. Dighton
 815 Center St., No. Dighton
 954 Hart St., Dighton
 461 Brook St., Dighton
 251 Main St., Dighton

Custodians

Antone Costa
 George Perry
 Manuel L. Sanson, Jr.
 John White

Elm St., Dighton
 469 Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton
 437 School Lane, Dighton
 670 Main St., Dighton

Dighton Elementary
 Dighton Elementary
 Dighton Junior High
 Dighton Junior High

REPORT OF THE DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

This is the Eighth Annual Report of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

Enrollment

Our enrollment has increased by 74 students over last year. On October 1, 1967 we had 262 pupils from Dighton, 420 pupils from Rehoboth, 102 tuition pupils from Berkley and 4 private tuition pupils. Our freshman class is largest with 245 pupils. The other three classes average between 160 and 180 pupils. If the next three entering classes are as large as the present class we will reach maximum enrollment in four years. However, if the proposed Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School progresses on schedule it should give us relief by 1971.

Finances

The gross increase in this years budget over the 1967 budget is \$95,291.00. The net increase over the 1967 expenditures is \$73,513.00. The largest increase again is in instruction which includes teachers salaries. This increase of \$53,451.00 is due to increased salaries and the addition of three and one half teachers over the 1966-67 school year.

Other increses are in operation and maintenance of plant where salaries and increased utilities costs have risen as well as the amount of repairs. The cost of equipment represents an increase. After eight years some equipment needs to be replaced and some new equipment is required for changing curriculums.

The anticipated receipts are \$75,000.00 from tuition. The charge per pupil is \$675.00. The other large receipt will be \$55,000.00 from the State for transportation.

Faculty

During the course of the year and over the summer vacation we lost fourteen teachers. Miss Carol Cotter replaced Mrs. Bonnie Brown as guidance counselor. Miss Cotter has had experience as a teacher, a social worker and in industry. Mr. Frederick Rounds replaced Mr. Solomon Solomon in the commercial department. Mr. Rounds has had several years of experience in accounting. Mr. Francis Duart and Mr. Stephen Nunes have replaced Mrs. Carol Collins and Miss Kristie Williams in the English Department. Mr. William Gifford and Mr. Fred E. Minkin replaced Mrs. Elaine Wynne and Mr. Leo Wontkowski in the mathematics department. Miss Astrid Viana has replaced Miss Carmela Mercuri as vocal teacher. We had four vacancies in the science department. Mr. Kevin Cummins, a graduate of Antioch College, is teaching general science, Mr. Lawrence Gold, a graduate of S.M.T.I., is teaching chemistry. Mrs. Claudia Gifford is also teaching chemistry. She had previously taught at Sea Pines School in Brewster, Mass. Mrs. Ruth O'Keefe is the new biology teacher replacing Mr. Theodore Lippold who returned to college. Mrs. O'Keefe taught in Attleboro and worked at Brown University. Mr. Charles Magnuson replaced Mrs. Vivian McKay as a social studies teacher. Mr. Magnuson had previously taught in Somerset and in California.

Again we find ourselves in a struggle to keep up with salary schedules in the surrounding towns and to be competitive in securing good teachers.

Program

The Introductory Physical Science program begun last year for freshman is very successful and is being projected to grade 8.

The instruction in the use of I.B.M. equipment has been expanded. Over sixty pupils have now had training in the use of key punch, sorter and programmer equipment.

Our machine shop program in industrial arts is growing and there is a demand for graduates of this course.

Our entire curriculum is still in the process of change and will continue to change to meet the needs of the modern day student.

Our band and its several member units such as the brass choir and jazz band still are gaining top prizes in competition. The music played by these groups is real challenging and a great asset to a student who wishes to become a professional musician.

The Vocational School Program has been changed slightly in an attempt to give the boys some academic subjects. We are also running a Manpower Training Development Course in small engines.

We appreciate the support given the programs of the school by the citizens of the towns and hope this support will continue.

Maintenance

This year we hope to build a platform exit to the stage with the aid of our custodial staff. We also plan to improve the drainage of the ball fields. Mr. Carr and his men will also take care of the usual summer maintenance including some remodeling of the sewerage plant. We are fortunate to have men who can do many things that are very often contracted out in other schools.

Conclusion

I wish to thank Mr. Joseph Harrington, Principal for his untiring efforts to give the pupils of Dighton-Rehoboth the best academic and moral training. The guidance staff under the direction of Mr. Francis Vitale continues to help our pupils in their scholastic and employment endeavors. It is no simple task to guide young people in this rapidly changing world.

The vocational boys under Mr. Charles Day continue to be in demand for work in their chosen field.

I wish to thank Mrs. Ella Jones, Cafeteria Manager and Mrs. Albertine Dwyer, school nurse for their fine work in the non academic areas of the program.

To the citizens of Dighton and Rehoboth, I say again visit your school and see for yourselves the fine things going on in the way of educating your sons and daughters. Many programs can be criticized from afar but when you understand the underlying motives you will readily see the value of the training.

I would also invite you to join our evening courses that are offered from time to time.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. ROY,

Superintendent of Schools

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DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Expenditures 1967

CAPITAL COSTS

Bond Retirement	\$110,000.00
State Aid	\$68,335.83
Appropriation	41,664.17
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	110,000.00
Interest on Bond Expenditures	58,015.00

OPERATING COSTS

General Control	11,692.29
Instruction Expense	424,364.16
Operating Expense	60,207.03
Plant Maintenance	6,785.42
Auxiliary Agencies	26,244.46
Outlay	11,679.67
Transportation	58,943.50
Special Charges	1,084.00
Vocational Education	42,398.08
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	\$643,398.61

Receipts

State Reimbursement Transportation	56,607.00
Tuition	53,930.56
School Aid Ch. 69-71	4,174.00
Transferred from E and D	15,000.00
Other	1,747.31
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	\$131,458.87
Net Operating Cost	\$511,939.74

FEDERAL AID

National Defense Education

Act Title I, II, III

Balance, January 1, 1967	\$ 1,812.72
Receipts	2,700.00

 4,512.72

Expenditures	\$ 4,512.72
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Act Title III

Receipts	\$ 3,039.59
Expenditures	1,925.35

Balance, December 31, 1967	\$ 1,114.24
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Act Title V

Balance, January 1, 1967	\$ 1,317.34
Receipts	0.00
Expenditures	0.00

Balance, December 31, 1967	\$ 1,317.34
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U.S. Grant—George Barden Funds, Vocational

Balance, January 1, 1967	\$ 197.84
Receipts	2,710.00

 2,907.84

Expenditures	2,409.50
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Balance, December 31, 1967	\$ 498.34
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U.S. Grant—#88-210 Work Study Program

Balance, January 1, 1967	\$ 1,146.24
Receipts	1,000.00

 2,146.24

Expenditures	2,487.52
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Balance, December 31, 1967	— \$ 341.28
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U.S. Grant—#88-210 Business Education	
Balance, January 1, 1967	\$ 19.50
Expenditures	\$ 19.50
U.S. Grant—#88-210 Business Education	
Project #BOE 66-050	
Receipts	\$ 1,837.50
Expenditures	\$ 1,837.50
Vocational Education Federal Manpower	
Project #MA (R) 6089	
Balance, January 1, 1967	\$ 2,649.90
Return of Funds	\$ 2,649.90
Vocational Education Federal Manpower	
Project #MA (R) 7068	
Receipts	\$15,016.00
Expenditures	13,333.91
Balance, December 31, 1967	\$1,682.09
Vocational Education Federal Manpower	
Project #MA (R) 7095	
Receipts	\$ 9,384.00
Expenditures	4,420.60
Balance, December 31, 1967	\$ 4,963.40

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